

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Trade Talks

IT would be wise at this stage if unofficial reports of the results of the Sino-British trade talks which ended in London last week were treated with caution. The official statement made by the President of the Federation of British Industries, Sir Harry Pilkington, insists "nothing startling emerged from the talks" and the mere fact that the British trade delegation is to visit Peking in November for further discussions suggests that the London meeting represented only the first stage of negotiations to put Anglo-Chinese trade on a better footing. Further meetings will probably be needed before there is satisfactory agreement on all points. It is reasonable to assume however that both British industry interested in the China trade and Chinese trade officials are looking ahead of the immediate future and the embargo on the export of strategic goods. The final agreement, it is hoped, will establish a firm and reliable basis upon which unfettered trade can be expanded between the two countries.

UNOFFICIAL reports state that the Chinese have accepted the British view that the fullest possible use should be made of Hong Kong's commercial facilities in all future trade between the two countries. These reports continue that the Chinese also recognised the advantage of trading whenever possible through import and export merchants over the method of dealing directly with suppliers and consumers. It would probably be wiser, however, not to regard this as a fait accompli but to view these reports in the light of Sir Harry Pilkington's statement that "satisfactory progress was made towards reaching agreement" on these and other questions. Both questions are of vital interest to many in Hong Kong who were beginning to despair of ever seeing trade resumed on the old footing of pre-war and the immediate post-war days. For Hong Kong this is perhaps the most important assurance that the Sino-British Trade Committee could seek from the Chinese and it is certain that our spokesmen on the Committee pressed this point resolutely. Of equal importance to Hong Kong are the subjects of methods of payment and trading terms including contracts. Agreement on these questions would restore much needed confidence in the trading community here.

OFFICIALLY, the only firm assurance the Chinese gave was that British firms wishing to engage in the China trade need no special avenue of approach to the Chinese State trading authority. This in effect means that British firms will no longer have to deal with organisations of somewhat doubtful reputation such as the British Council for the Promotion of International Trade which was accused by the Foreign Office recently of being a Communist front organisation. The importance of this assurance lies in the fact that from now on a British firm obeying the embargo need no longer risk being accused of "doubtful dealing" with the Communists. It will mean, too, that local British Communists will not be invested with any false honours for their part in promoting Sino-British trade. The present Committee has tried to show the Chinese that as far as Britain is concerned, it desires its trade to be conducted through no Government organisation, but through the time-honoured private trading system which served both countries so well in the past.

Big Three Talks On Indo-China And Europe In French Capital:

DULLES FLYING TO PARIS

Surprise Decision After Receiving Urgent Call From Mendes-France

The American Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles left Washington at 10 p.m. last night for Paris, three hours after receiving an urgent invitation from the French Premier, M. Mendes-France to discuss British and French policy at the Geneva talks on Indo-China.

Mr Dulles's decision to fly to Paris took the world by surprise and amidst the flood of speculation which followed the announcement of his plans, British and French sources said they believed Mr Dulles might change his mind about attending the Geneva talks.

But Mr Dulles himself, at an airport interview before flying to Paris, emphasised that he had not altered his earlier decision to return to Geneva only if the Communist nations showed "goodwill" at the conference table.

Both France and Britain hailed Mr Dulles's decision to attend talks in Paris. The talks, it is understood, will include discussions on European affairs as well as Western policy on Indo-China. Mr Dulles said he hoped his talks with Mr Eden and M. Mendes-France, who are leaving Geneva this morning for Paris, would assure "co-ordinated action" by the three Governments.

Mr Dulles said before leaving Washington that his decision demonstrated "the deep concern" he felt over developments in Indo-China and Europe.

Mr Dulles also served notice that the United States might take an attitude different from that of France in any truce aimed at settling the Indo-China war.

"The United States itself is not a belligerent in Indo-China," he said, "and it is not clear that the interests which we hold in common with France and Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia will necessarily be best served by identical action in all respects."

"Therefore, my trip to Paris is without prejudice to the position previously expressed that neither I nor Under-Secretary (Walter Bedell) Smith have at the present time any plans for going to Geneva, where the United States is presently maintaining contacts with developments through Ambassador U. Alexis Johnson and his associates."

"I HOPE SO"

The French Ambassador, M. Henri Bonnet, who joined the British Ambassador, Sir Roger Makins in saying goodbye to Mr Dulles at the airport, made it plain the French continued to hope Mr Dulles could be persuaded to go on to Geneva after finishing his Paris talks.

"I hope so, I hope so," M. Bonnet said when asked about this, but added: "You heard him—he made no promises, but one has hopes."

Mr Dulles, emphasising the need for American, British and French unity, said his Paris visit showed he wished "to leave no stone unturned in seeking to find the course which will best serve the traditional friendship and co-operation of France and the United States."

"This trip will demonstrate anew the deep concern which the United States takes in developments in both Indo-China and Europe and our earnest desire to insure such co-ordinated action by France, Great Britain and the United States as will best promote the attainment of those goals which we share together and with free nations generally."

NO PLAN

Mr Dulles said the Indo-China conflict had imposed on France and the Indo-China states "a special set of primary interest" since they had been contributing their manpower in the drive there to block Communism.

Just before boarding his plane Mr Dulles declined to say how long he plans to stay in Paris. "I have no plan," he said when asked by reporters.

Other officials reported he tentatively had arranged to stay three or four days in the French capital discussing Indo-China truce prospects, the deadlocked European army project and West Germany's desire to have its full sovereignty restored.

EISENHOWER APPROVES

The White House disclosed that Mr Dulles conferred with President Eisenhower several times today, in person and by telephone, before announcing his plan to go to Paris.

"The President approves fully the Secretary's course of action," the White House Assistant Press Secretary, Mr Murray Snyder, said.

Until today's unexpected announcement, issued less than three hours before his scheduled departure, Mr Dulles had given no hint he would leave Washington. The invitation from Paris by trans-Atlantic telephone, caught even the French Embassy in Washington by surprise. The Ambassador, M. Henri Bonnet, who conferred shortly before noon with the Under-Secretary of State, Mr Walter Bedell Smith, said he had no inkling of it until a dispatch from Geneva late in the afternoon speculated on the possibility that Mr Dulles would fly to Paris.

be fully associated with any Southeast Asian settlement which may result from the Geneva talks.

Tanks Beat Off Rebel Attack

Hanoi, July 12.

French tanks and infantry have smashed back the first big Vietminh attack on the new French defence line south of Hanoi, the French High Command said today.

A spokesman said French Union forces killed 424 Vietminh yesterday, most of them in this battle.

A Vietminh force of 3,000 tried to cut off the town of Hungyen, outpost of the new defence line, 20 miles south of Hanoi. French losses in the five-hour battle were "appreciable," the spokesman said.

He added that 21 Vietminh were taken prisoner yesterday.

MANY KILLED

French artillery and aircraft which laid a shell and bomb barrage on the attackers' bases in flat rice paddies, are thought to have killed many more rebels. Aircraft fired 92 missiles.

Vietminh troops attacked against two sides of France's shrunken Hanoi defence pocket.

Isolated Communist units raided within six miles of the Vietminh capital.

The firing could be heard in rain-drenched Hanoi.

One official said it was "not excluded" that there may be a political-military connection to the attacks since the Red surge, heaviest since the French withdrawal from the south, came yesterday on the eve of the resumption of the Geneva negotiations.—Reuter & United Press.

REBELS ACTIVE

Saligon, July 12.

The French Command said today that the Vietminh was active in the Central Vietnam area, particularly in the sector west of the city of Tourane.

Twelve Vietminh soldiers were killed in patrol operations and another 10 were killed in another action close by. Further south on the coast of Annam the Vietminh succeeded in infiltrating into the port of Pham, about 120 miles east of Saigon, but were later repulsed.

The Vietminh lost 30 killed in an attempt to storm a French Union outpost in the region of Chamdoc in South Vietnam, about 65 miles south of Phnompenh.

Skirmishes took place at several points south-west of Saigon.—France-Press.

Police Seize

Princess Margaret's 'Fiance'

Bonn, July 12.

A young German law student who claims to be "secretly engaged" to Princess Margaret and who went to the airport at Wahn to greet his "fiancee" was sitting in police custody this afternoon.

Klaus Faucht, 28, of Frankfurt, announced his "secret engagement" to the German press last Easter. This morning, attired in his Sunday best, he went to the RAF base of Wahn to wait for Princess Margaret who was scheduled to arrive there.

A RAF officer took Faucht to a police station where he will be held until the Princess completes her visit to Bonn.—United Press.

Diplomat's Death

A Duel? 'That's Absurd'

—Says Ambassador

London, July 12.

The Dominican Ambassador said "it is absurd" when he was asked today to comment on reports that the Air Attache and the First Secretary of his Embassy fought a duel with one pistol on Saturday over the Air Attache's wife.

Scotland Yard stayed silent on the motive for the spectacular shooting that killed one Dominican envoy and seriously wounded another inside the Dominican consulate.

The known facts are these: Scotland Yard took possession of only one weapon, a revolver, following the Saturday night gunfight.

Both the Air Attache and the First Secretary stumbled out of the consulate in shirt-sleeves after gunfire broke up a cocktail party inside. The shots followed a heated argument.

The First Secretary, a bald-headed bachelor, died. Capt. De La Maza, a moustached flier, was fighting for his life in the hospital today.

In the social whirl of the diplomatic colony here, the Air Attache and his wife often attended functions in company with the First Secretary.—United Press.

Red China's Admission To UNO

No Move By Britain Likely This Year

America Jubilant Over Churchill's Speech

London, July 12.

Britain is unlikely to raise the question of the admission of People's China to the United Nations at the September session of the General Assembly, according to diplomatic quarters.

This is the interpretation placed on today's statement by Sir Winston Churchill that the "time was not ripe" for the issue to be raised.

At the same time, it was noted Sir Winston reaffirmed the fundamental British view that the Chinese Government ought to have a seat in the United Nations.

Should a settlement of the Indo-China question be reached in the coming weeks, the British Government may be under heavy pressure in the autumn when Parliament reassembles, to make some move in the latter.

Britain has advocated no action on the question of the admission of China to the United Nations since the start of the Korean war in 1951.

The British belief that in the long run the Peking Government must take over the Chinese seat in the United Nations rests on the view that representation is due to the Government which in fact administers the Chinese mainland.

RELIEF IN U.N.

United Nations, July 12.

United Nations diplomats who have felt that the United Nations was on the brink of disaster felt relief today when Sir Winston Churchill said Britain would not seek Communist China's admission to U.N.O. at this time.

For diplomats who have been gravely concerned about the fate of the United Nations in any full-scale membership fight over China, the Churchill statement looked like sound assurance that the showdown could be avoided again this year.

Postponement of the Chinese membership question for at least another year, these diplomats felt, would give the issue a chance to be clarified. They pointed out that the question of Communist China's good faith on Indo-China could by no means be ascertained by the time the Assembly meets this September but that a year's delay on settling the membership question would be "enough to give everyone a sober look at just what can be expected from Peking."

MORAL GROUNDS

Opponents of Communist China's admission under any circumstances pointed out that the 1955 U.N. Assembly must automatically take up the question of calling a conference for revision of the Charter. They indicated that the question of membership might well be linked to the Charter revision item. The U.S. has left little doubt that it will use moral grounds as the basis for its opposition to Communist China against the arguments of the practical politicians.

White the U.N. mood has been gloomy for the past two weeks because of the debate over China, and the foreboding of a grim U.S. stand which it was feared might wreck the world group, there have been solemn warnings to the U.N. that it must measure its actions carefully to avoid "committing suicide."

CONGRESS JUBILANT

Sir Winston's assurance was received jubilantly by Congressmen. They had feared a widening rift in Anglo-American relations, and had been accusing Britain of deserting the United States by preparing to support moves to admit the Communists to the United Nations.

The Prime Minister's statement has already done much to allay Congressional suspicions of Britain's intentions in the immediate future. It has also taken most of the steam out of the campaign called by the pro-Chiang Kai-shek "China Lobby" to force a United States withdrawal from the United Nations unless the People's China was kept out.—Reuter and United Press.

ANOTHER MEETING WITH CHOU

East-West Bargaining Over Indo-China Starts

Geneva, July 12.

The French Premier, M. Pierre Mendes-France would confer with the Communist Chinese Premier, Mr Chou En-lai, at 9.30 a.m. tomorrow in the hope of finding some solution to the problem of a cease-fire line in Vietnam.

This will be the second meeting of Mr Chou and M. Mendes-France. They conferred at the French Embassy in Bern on June 23.

Later M. Mendes-France would fly to Paris with Mr Eden to meet Mr Dulles.

Meanwhile, informed sources said "renewed bargaining" was under way on a move away from the idea of regrouping Communist and French Union forces into pockets around Vietnam and back toward the idea of a straight cease-fire line dividing the country.

The French were said to be putting up "a asking" price of a line along the 16th Parallel, running roughly from Saigon

in Laos to Quangtrai on the Vietnamese coast.

IMPLY ABANDONMENT

Such a line would imply abandonment of all Northern Vietnam unless a special arrangement is concluded for the French to retain Hanoi and Haiphong.

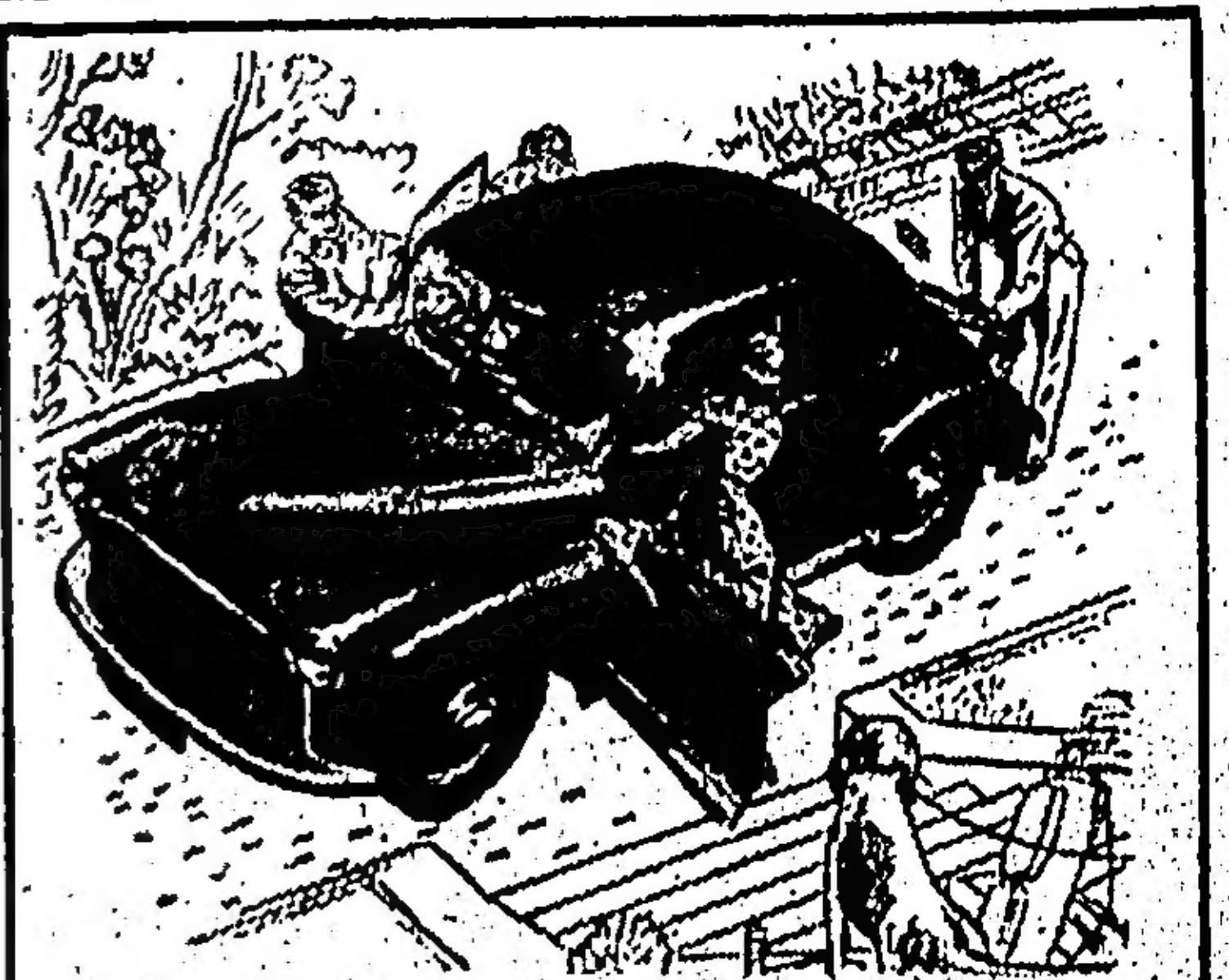
The French were reliably reported to be holding out for such an arrangement under which they would retain the two important strongholds and they would link them.

But the chances for them to retain both Hanoi and Haiphong were considered slim, if a cease-fire line is agreed to the South. The Reds were said to demand a line along the 17th

Parallel based on Nairang on the Vietnamese coast. However, informed sources said Pham Van Dong had indicated he would agree to concessions. A final line somewhere near the 16th Parallel was thought most likely in the end.

FAR FROM AGREEMENT

However, despite his determination to meet the July 20 deadline, M. Mendes-France is believed to be still far from agreement with the Reds on the major political issues, in discussing holding elections in Vietnam and international guarantees for the peace settlement.—United Press.



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Nazi Victims' Compensation

JEW'S ACCUSE AUSTRIA OF STALLING

Zurich, July 12.

The Joint Executive Board for Jewish Claims on Austria today accused the Austrian Government of stalling negotiations on compensation and restitution for Austrian Jewish victims of Nazi persecution.

The Board, expressing the "most profound dissatisfaction" with the attitude of the Austrian Government, said that the Austrians had "regretably failed to fulfil the expectations of the Board" and even to maintain the commitments they had already specifically agreed to.

Israel Now Member Of Int'l Bank

Washington, July 12.

Israel formally became a member of the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development today with the signing of the articles of agreement between the Israeli Government and these institutions.

A ceremony at the State Department marked the event at which Israeli Ambassador Abba Eban affixed his signature to the documents on behalf of the Government and the Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, Mr. Samuel C. Waugh, signed for the International organizations.

The United States, as host nation for the governing boards of the Fund and Bank, is the depository of articles of agreement signed by member nations.

TOTAL QUOTAS
The quota of Israel in the International Monetary Fund is \$4,500,000 and its subscription to the capital stock of the Bank is 45 shares with a total par value of \$4,500,000.

The admission of Israel brought the total quotas of members in the Fund to 83, 852,900,000. The total subscribed capital of the Bank is now \$9,152,000,000.

Fifty-seven nations are now members of the financing agencies. — United Press.

SAAR PREMIER

Saarbrücken, July 12.
The Saar Parliament today re-elected Johannes Hoffman of the Christian People's Party Prime Minister of the Saarland. His party has an absolute majority in the House. The Saar Social Democrats, whose defection ten days ago caused Hoffman's coalition government to resign, abstained in today's vote. — Reuter.

H-BOMB TESTS IN THE PACIFIC

Russian Protest Defeated In United Nations

New York, July 12.

Russia protested at a United Nations Committee meeting today that the United States had caused "tremendous and irreparable" harm to Marshall Islanders by atomic and hydrogen bomb tests.

The Soviet delegate, Mr. Mokhall Sumsokoi, said they ought to take a formal stand on the protests of the inhabitants, which were being heard by the Petitions Committee of the Trusteeship Council.

But the Soviet resolution that nuclear tests in the area should be abandoned, or, if this could not be done, that greater precautions should be taken to prevent damage in future was defeated. The six votes of the Committee were one for, three against and two abstentions.

A second resolution submitted jointly by Britain, France and Belgium asked the United States whether it considered it necessary to hold further tests in the area, and if it did to take such precautions as would safeguard the well-being of those who lived there.

SECOND VOTE

The vote was three in favour and three against — under the rules of procedure, after a second vote which again was a tie, the resolution was defeated.

A third proposal submitted by India asked the General Assembly to seek an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice on the legality of the use of a trust territory "for purposes resulting in the destruction or disappearance of a part of the territory itself and having grave effects on the health of the people."

The Indian proposal further recommended that no more tests of the atomic or hydrogen weapons should be carried out in the territory "pending the ascertainment of the court's advisory opinion."

The vote was two in favour, three against and one abstention.

The report of the Petitions Committee will now go before the Trusteeship Council, which is then expected that the three-Power resolution will gain the required majority and be passed by the Council. — Reuter.

C'wealth To Examine GATT

London, July 12.

A Commonwealth Conference to examine proposals for the revision of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade will take place in Sydney.

Lord Mancroft, speaking in the name of the British Government in the House of Lords today, said that the provisions of the GATT affecting Imperial Preference and all other aspects are at present being examined by the British Government in preparation for the Conference. One of the objects of the coming Sydney Conference was to reach a Commonwealth policy on all the issues.

Lord Mancroft was then asked by Lord Bellair of Inchry whether the Government had given notice to the other signatories of the GATT of its wish to modify the existing arrangements in order to give Britain greater tariff freedom so that she can offer to negotiate mutually advantageous preferences within the Commonwealth. — France-Press.

HAILE SELASSIE

New York, July 12.

Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia left here today by special plane for Nice after a seven-week stay in the United States. — France-Press.

The Laugh Was On The Board

Melbourne, July 12.

A Transport Board inquiry to see whether Melbourne needs more taxis was 10 minutes late in resuming after a luncheon break.

The 150 taxi men present roared with laughter when the Chairman apologised and explained: "I'm very sorry we're late, gentlemen, but we had a bit of trouble. We... couldn't get a taxi." — China Mail Special.

ISRAEL-JORDAN DISCUSSIONS

Armistice Commission Adjourns

Jerusalem, July 12.

Major-General Vagn Bennike, chief truce supervisor, today adjourned an emergency session of the Israeli-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission without a decision after six hours' discussion on the recent Jerusalem "battle."

Total casualties on both sides in the divided city were nine dead and 62 wounded in a three-day exchange of fire a fortnight ago.

Both Israeli and Jordanian delegations were understood to have submitted draft resolutions blaming each other for starting the fire and for violating the armistice agreement.

Yesterday General Bennike told both sides: "This is not the time for mutual recriminations."

STUDY RESOLUTIONS

The Commission was adjourned until Thursday so that General Bennike could study the resolutions.

The Israeli Prime Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, summoned his delegates in the morning to brief them on the attitude they should take before the Commission, according to sources close to the Commission.

The Israeli press criticised yesterday's statement by General Bennike that it was impossible to determine responsibility for the Jerusalem flare-up. They alleged that it was an attempt to evade United Nations responsibility. — Reuter.

Mike Hawthorn Found Guilty

Gulford, July 12.

Mike Hawthorn, the 25-year-old British racing motorist was found guilty here today of two motoring offences and fined a total of £25. He was fined £20 for dangerous driving and £5 for failing to stop after an accident. He was also ordered to pay £3/17/2 costs.

A further charge of driving without due care was adjourned for 28 days.

Hawthorn flew to London from Paris today in order to attend the hearing in the 16th century court room here. He pleaded not guilty. — China Mail Special.

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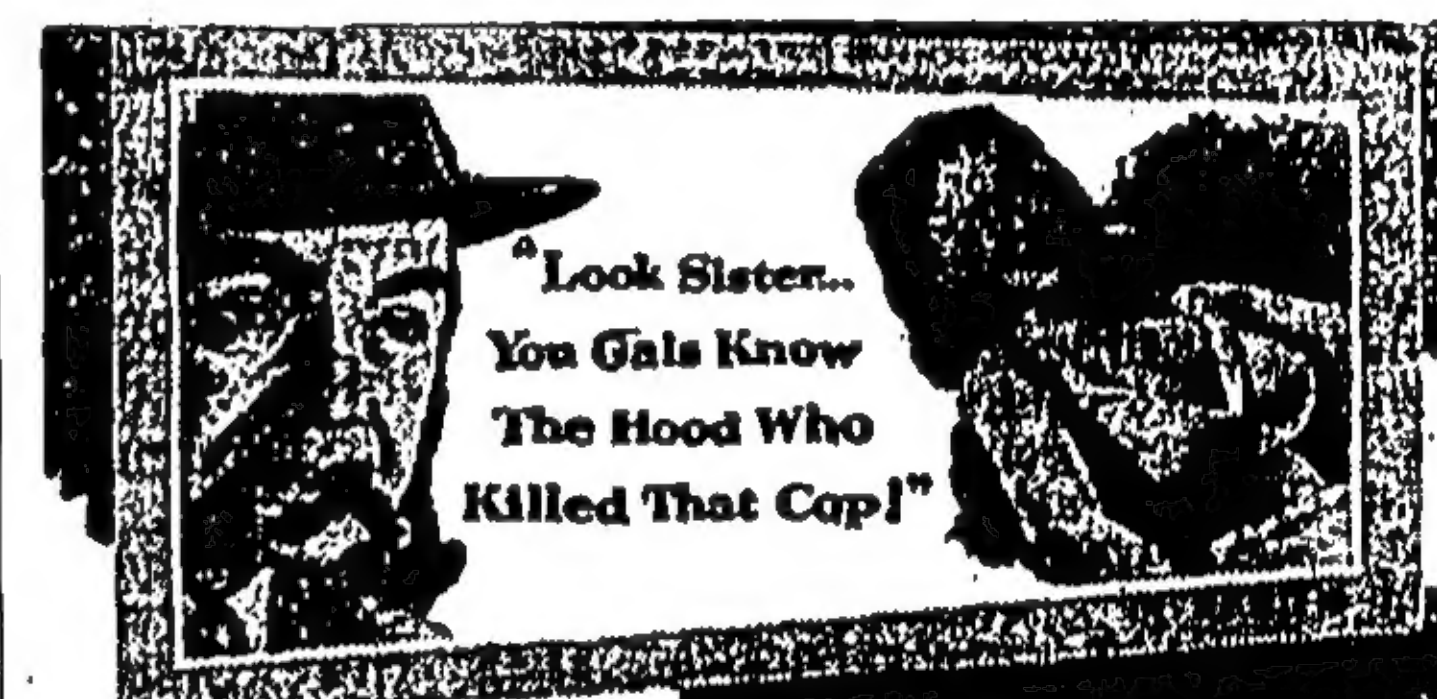
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by TOM STACEY, who sets out today on the first stage of a Journey to the Unknown

Old Etonian Tom Stacey (24 married, two daughters) is the author of a best-selling book, "The Hostile Sun." It told how, as a National Serviceman in Malaya, he spent his leave alone in the jungle and found a lost aboriginal tribe. Now he is off on a new journey to primitive regions of Africa. He will send back the story of his adventures



IF my old jungle friend still means to lend me his poison-dart deflector he must be quick. For today I set out for Leopoldville, Congo, on the first lap of a 4,600-mile picnic across Africa.

Already I have had pressed on me boots of specially cured leather which no snake can bite through.

I asked the old jungle-chum if he would demonstrate the qualities of these exceptional boots. He was shamefaced. He had no venomous snake at home—not one single little demonstration snake.

The pills

I HAVE also been offered a phial of grey "survival" pills. The pill is the size of my thumb, "to be sucked slowly, preferably with a pebble." Together they are guaranteed, when I have nothing else to eat but cactus spines, to keep me fit and eager for 20 days. But I am still short of a poison-dart deflector.

Elsewhere in my rucksack are to be found a macintosh cape, which will turn into a rain-shelter or wash-basin, six mouth organs, a water-proof poker park, and one false eye with "A. Presant From Skene's."

back. I shall be telling you what part these are to play as time goes by.

Oh yes—and my watch. Boy, what a watch. It will operate perfectly at an altitude



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OUR FIRST OBJECTIVE: A TRIBE CALLED 'FANG'

THERE are two of us setting out on this journey. Twenty-eight-year-old Erisa Kroude, an African whose home is in Buganda (where his father was a chief), is the other one. Erisa (pronounced Erisa) has been a friend of mine for some time. But it is only by chance that we have linked up on this journey.

At a party at Cambridge, where Erisa has just graduated in anthropology, I overheard him saying that he would be in Uganda in three months. I swung round and said: "And so shall I."

HALF-WAY

Next day it was all arranged. He would come with me half-way, as far as Stanleyville in the Belgian Congo. Then, when I plunged southwards to

Angola, he would branch off home to Uganda. Where are we going? To the forgotten trails of French Equatorial Africa, Belgian Congo, and Angola, which, in certain parts, we shall be the first anthropologists to visit.

THEN—ALONE

My aim is 4,600 miles, travelling with minimum pomp. Erisa, with his shortened route, will travel about 2,600 miles.

The more arduous passages I shall undertake alone. Four years ago Erisa lost a foot in a football accident.

Once we reach Leopoldville, we shall immediately set off towards our first objective: the pagan Fang tribesmen of the unsurveyed source of the Ubangi River, French Equatorial Africa. Au revoir.

deeply into French Equatorial Africa. Off I went to the Spanish Consulate in Cavendish Square, W., for consultation. I spoke up truthfully to the dark up girls behind the counter: "I may wish to go to Spanish Guinea."

"Which part of Spain is that?" asked the dark girls. "It's not in Spain," I said, "It's in Africa."

"Perhaps," said one girl, "he means Spanish Guinea."

"That's right," I said. "Och," they exclaimed, "you cannot go there. Permission takes four to five months, and then it is not usually given."

That was that until, drawing myself up to my full height as a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society bent on anthropological research, I wrote to the ambassador in a diplomatic vein.

Now, maybe, in not many weeks I shall be in a position to invite those discouraging xenophobes out to Spanish Guinea myself—to a tea dance with the Bantu tribe.

The points

ONE by one, in this oblique manner, the various points along my route have been threatened as out of bounds, have been advised against, or have had their existence doubted. Particularly in northern Belgian Congo and Angola. I have been up to my ears in advice and discouraging information. My seriousness has not yet recovered from some of it.

For example:—

1 AN AMERICAN lady, trying to help, asked me: "Are you taking oxygen, or are you just going in a pair of shorts?" I gave the only possible reply: "Yes."

2 "THE OUPOTO," began the first Congo book I opened, "are the naked people in Africa."

3 IN A NOT very up-to-date work entitled "Hints to the African Traveller," I found the following advice: "In this region rains are torrential. Umbrellas should always be carried, although exception can be made when going into battle."

They have a point there. But surely some good friend is standing by to offer me an umbrella which will convert itself into a machine gun at a twist of the handle?

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WHAT WOULD BE SCRIBBLED ON HIS WRITING PAD

If Ike Goes In For Doodling

By JOHN JUNOR



I DO not know whether President Eisenhower shares a mannerism possessed by many politicians—that of doodling on a piece of paper while he listens to arguments advanced by colleagues in a conference.

But if he does there are two doodle drawings which will appear on his notepad again and again during the coming weeks. One doodle will be that of a four-jet-engine bomber carrying the insignia of Soviet Russia. The other will be that of a Chinese mandarin's son wearing an exultant smile of absolute triumph.

Let the doodle of the bomber be examined first. Its significance can be told in a few words.

ONE ASSET

AT this moment the United States has aircraft capable of dropping atom or hydrogen bombs on the cities of Russia. Russia has not yet in quantity production a bomber capable of retaliating in kind against the cities and factories of America.

Note and underline the phrase "in quantity production." For Russia has such a bomber in prototype form. It flew over Moscow in the May Day parade.

The Americans estimate that in just two years' time at the outside it could be flying laden with atom

bombs over the cities of America. Some time in 1956 it will be available for delivery in quantity to the Russian bomber squadrons.

It was this intelligence which General Gruenther had in mind when speaking at a dinner in London last month. He made a remark which was not fully appreciated at the time. He said: "We have one asset now which is of tremendous value. We have a long-range aircraft to which the Soviet now have no answer. I can tell you our conclusion is that the Soviet Union, if war took place this year, would be defeated."

Let his final phrase be repeated again so that its significance may be fully grasped. "If war took place this year, Russia would be defeated."

What if it took place in 1956? Russia might still be defeated. But what would happen in the process to New York, to Chicago, to Cincinnati, to every other large American city? They could all be reduced to heaps of atomic rubble.

THE DILEMMA

THE extent of the American dilemma may now begin to be appreciated. The American leaders want peace above all else. But do you wonder if they ask themselves whether two years of uncertain peace would be worth while if at the end of it their own

chances of final victory were irretrievably reduced?

This situation produces problems too for the Russians. Immense and frightening problems. Their new strategic position demands that at all costs they must prevent war for at least the next two years.

Indeed, next to Britain, Russia has become temporarily the most peace-conscious nation in Europe. Malenkov and Molotov just dare not run the risk of an immediate war. For in that war they know their own cities would surely perish while the cities of their main adversary, America, would remain tantalisingly out of reach.

This goes far to explain Molotov's recent conciliatory tactics at Geneva. His predominant aim from now on will be to avoid incidents which might precipitate a conflict.

Does this mean then that for at least two years there is no prospect of a war being started by the Communists?

AN ARISTOCRAT

IT is at this point that doodle No. 2 comes into the picture. The exultant son of the Chinese mandarin. The name is Chou En-lai.

Mr Eden is believed to have formed the view that of all the Communist diplomats he has encountered Chou En-lai is by far the toughest and most able.

Like Eden he is an aristocrat possessing nothing in common with the proletariat. Like Eden he has centuries of breeding behind him. Unlike Eden he is a Marxist paragon and undeviating. At this moment Chou En-lai is intoxicated with the success

of his own diplomacy. And has every reason to be. It is not often that a Chinese diplomat in one month has a British Foreign Secretary come to plead with him and a French Prime Minister come to surrender.

With equal reason he is also exultant at the military success of China's armies.

NO FEARS

HE fears neither war nor threats of war. He is left unmoved by the prospect of hydrogen bombs being used against China. Why should he be moved when China has a population of 600 million and industrial centres worth the name?

His argument is that all the atomic force America could bring to bear against China would in the end have no effect. In the East, China with her land masses would march wherever she wanted.

What then is to be done about China? It is on this issue that there is a cleavage between Eden and John Foster Dulles.

MEMORIES

EDEN favours the appeasement of China. He may not like that word. It may have unpleasant memories for him. Even so, appeasement of a type not dissimilar to that practised by Neville Chamberlain, is precisely the policy Eden is now pursuing. (The Chamberlain policy pleased Britain and received almost unanimous support.)

He appeases the Communists in Indo-China. He shows reluctance to enter into an immediate defensive pact with America in South-East Asia.

He agrees with—and indeed almost claims as a triumph for his own diplomacy—Chou En-lai's suggestion that the Communists would remove their troops from Laos and Cambodia providing the French do likewise. And therein he arouses the wrath and bitter hostility of the Americans.

They point out that for the French to quit Cambodia and Laos is tantamount to surrendering the whole of Indo-China to the Communists.

What guarantee can there be against China subsequently moving in to these undefended territories? Indeed, she would not even have to move in a single soldier. Economic pressure, a series of rigged elections, and all the wealth of Indo-China would be hers.

POLICY CLEAR

FURTHERMORE, say the Americans, there can be no guarantee that the West should pursue its policy of appeasement. It is to stand up to the Communists.

But, they argue, to run the risk of a war now then to face the certainty of it later. Especially the certainty, according to some American opinion, of a later war in which Russian bombers could blast American cities.

Against that, Mr Eden will argue that it is better to give the aggressor one more chance in case it turns out that he may indeed be trusted.

Which is it to be? Toughness or appeasement? Distrust of China or a disposition to give her another chance? These are the questions that await an answer.

GO OUT AND BUY A YAK

By LES ARMOUR

WANT to get away from it all, be independent, live where there are no income-tax inspectors?

Go out and buy a yak.

That's serious advice. The Canadian Government for instance, bent on preserving idyllic Eskimo way of life, is thinking of buying some from India.

The yak, it seems, has nearly everything.

You can milk it, shear it, eat it, and skin it. (If you want to go on doing this sort of thing, of course, you have to buy at least two to start with.)

Not that this is anything new. The yak has been the backbone of the economy of

Tibet and much of Nepal for donkey's years.

But no one, until the Canadian Government got the idea, has ever thought of transporting it to other parts of the world.

It would probably do well in the northern parts of Scotland. It would do well, in fact, almost any place where the climate is distinctly chilly and generally uncomfortable.

It requires little attention, and only a mouthful of stubble now and then to keep it going. It's not a very pretty beast. The zoologists call it poached gruniens—which, unluckily, gives you the right general impression.

The yak, it is a species of placid—a humping fat, gently bowed, leered animal. Wild, it's usually

black. Tamed, it sometimes runs to black and white. Its coat makes it look like a doormat from Bihar.

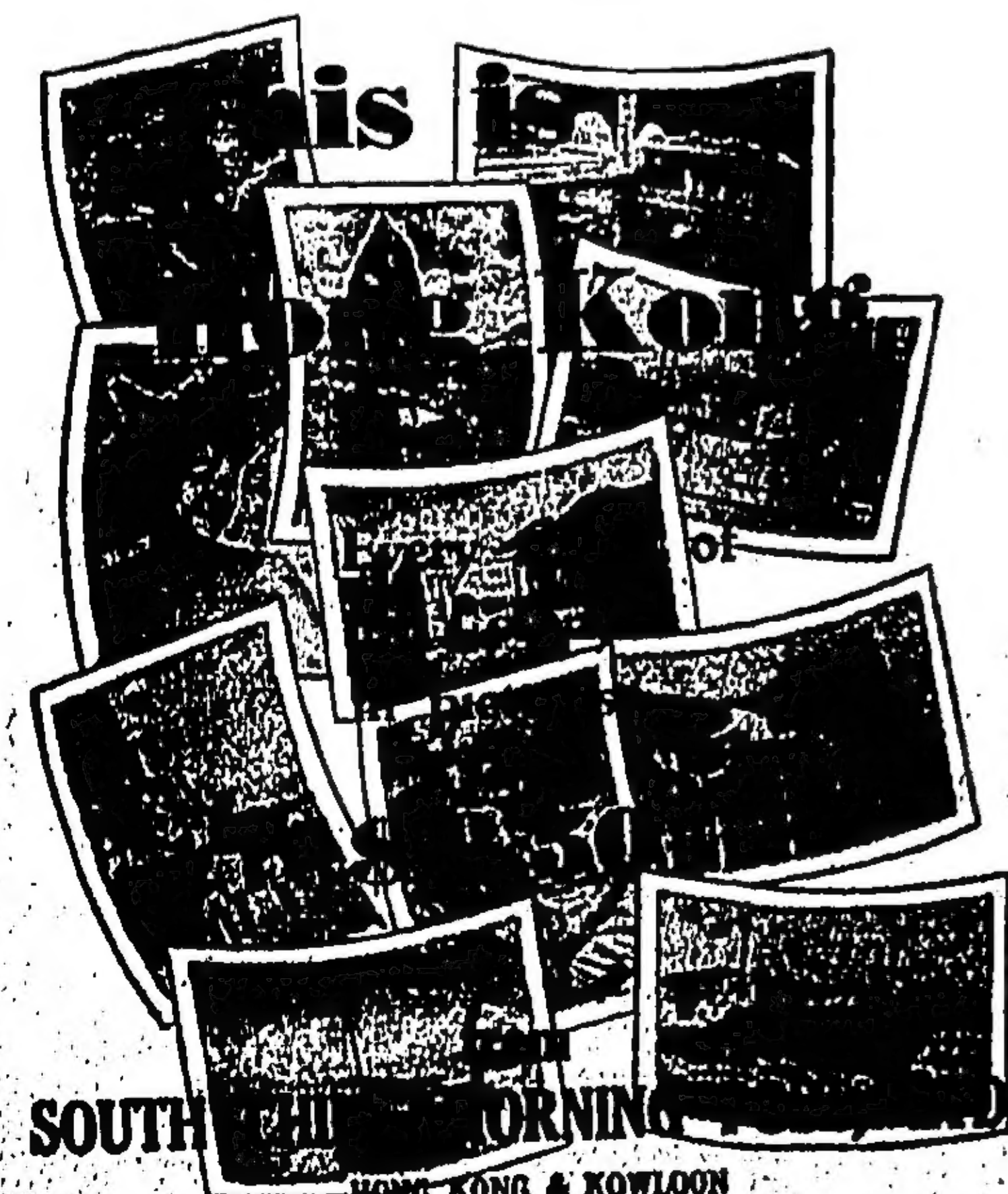
The wild kind often stand six feet high and look rough enough to take on a small army single-handed.

Yet the yak is a singularly gentle animal in fact. It takes to domestication happily, asking little and giving much.

In Northern Canada, it may be the answer to the pressing problem of the Eskimo along the Labrador Coast and the area east of Hudson's Bay where the caribou—one of the biggest props of the Eskimo economy—are running thin.

With a few herds of yak, the Eskimo may again approach self-sufficiency. The yak could provide nearly everything they need except fuel.

As for you—there's lots of room up there and an awful lot of yaks in Tibet.



SOUTH CHINA MORNING HONG KONG & KOWLOON

THE SOUTH AMERICAN WAY COST HUNGARY THE WORLD CUP

Says HAROLD PALMER

Berne, Switzerland.

Soccer's history books will put on record that Germany were the World Champions of 1954, but there ought to be a footnote that Hungary, whom they beat in the final, were the team of the century caught on the wrong foot on the wrong day for the first time in four years.

Credit the Germans with a display of the old Teutonic fighting spirit, but spare a thought for Hungary's dejected artists who threw away their chances of the Academy Award of soccer.

Never again should one match decide this championship. The knock-out principle is not the way to find champions. How rarely are the FA Cup winners the team of the season.

The League Champions are generally the number one team, and the League system should

have applied here, as at the World Cup in Brazil in 1950.

LUCK OF THE DRAW

It was the luck of the draw that made Germany champions—Brazil and Uruguay won this cup for Germany. They knocked

all the magic out of the magnificent Magyars. Fancy having to meet the two toughest teams in the competition and then play a final all in eight days. It was too much, and the Hungarians cracked under the strain.

For Germany it was no different. They had easier opposition from the quarter-finals onwards, and were able to approach the final in a much more carefree spirit.

It was just the same in the third place match recently. Uruguay had nothing left. Austria coasted to an easy win. But how surprising that official ranking reads today. 1. Germany; 2. Hungary; 3. Austria; 4. Uruguay.

COST THEM THE GAME

Playing Ferenc Puskas cost Hungary this game. Instead of bringing back the old rhythm, his slow play, due to his lack of confidence and injured ankle, only had a braking effect.

He did not work the ball. Instead he kept up and he missed several with only the goalkeeper to beat.

The return of Puskas seemed to rob Sandor Kocsis of some of the inspiration he had shown in earlier games.

It is sweeping-up day here. They are clearing away the sudden remains of paper hats with which the crowd had tried to keep off the torrid sun that made this occasion just a typical English affair.

But they cannot sweep away the memory of the triumphant German team chattering their coach, Sepp Herberger, off the field.

In two years he has done for German football something which someone could do for English football in six months.

(London Express Service)

France Wins Davis Cup Tie

Copenhagen, July 12. France won the European Zone Davis Cup tie with Denmark today, 3-1, 6-3, 7-5, 6-3 to give France a 3-1 lead in the match.

With this victory, France qualified for the European Zone final. In the last singles match today France's No. 1 player, Paul Remy, beat the Danish Champion, Kurt Nielsen, in straight sets. Remy won 6-3, 9-7, 6-2.

Nielsen was a finalist last year in the men's singles at Wimbledon and Remy's win today was most unexpected.

France will now meet the winner of the Belgium-Sweden semi-final tie, to be played at the end of this week, in the European Zone Davis Cup final.—France-Press.

Softball League For Beginners Opens Wednesday

A large number of boys and girls in the Colony have responded to the invitation to join a Beginners' Softball League, which will be opening tomorrow at 5.30 p.m. It was announced by Mr. D. S. Ling, Acting Hon. Secretary of the Association, yesterday.

Well over 200 individuals, including 144 boys, 70 girls, 20 girls guides and one team from the European YMCA.

Following the opening ceremony, a lecture on the principles of softball playing will be delivered to participants both in English and Chinese.

It is also announced that coaches will also be assigned to each team or group and training dates and times will be arranged. The tentative date for commencing training is July 19.

A donation of \$1,000 has been given to the Association by the Government for the purpose of buying equipment for the beginners' league.

THEY BEAT THE OLYMPIC SILVER MEDALLISTS



T. A. Fox, stroke, and A. J. Marsden are pictured at Henley after beating the Russian pair in the Double Sculls Event. Britain's Fox and Marsden trounced Russian Olympic silver medalists Igor Emchenko and George Zhilov after training together for only ten days. Fox is a medical student at St George's Hospital, and best known as a single sculler. He had never competed in the doubles before. Marsden, a 38-year-old Eton master, had difficulty in finding time to practise with Fox. The Russians worked together for two years before winning their Olympic medals in 1952, and have rowed as a unit ever since.—Express Photo.

Australia, Too, Have A Test Captain Poser

By BRUCE HARRIS

The venerable fixture between the Gentlemen and Players, which begins at Lord's on July 14, does not carry quite the same interest as of old, perhaps because of the waning distinction in a discerning public mind between the amateur and the professional. But this year the match is important because during or immediately after it the selectors may reveal who is to captain England in Australia next winter.

There may be one reason for delay—any remaining doubts about the state of Len Hutton's health when mid-July arrives.

Hutton (a professional) and David Sheppard (an amateur)—these names have been debated over and over again.

PROBLEMS TOO. Strongly though I support Hutton, I will leave that problem for the moment and look instead to the Far South, where they, too, have their problems.

Who will succeed Lindsay Hassett as captain of Australia? I don't suppose that even the selectors or the Board of Control down there know yet.

In cricket tension between States on controversial matters is much less than between countries in England. The Australians differ in their methods from us. They pick their team first, and choose their captain afterwards from among the 11 players.

That means that a man must be worth his place apart from any question of leadership. Arthur Morris, the New South Wales left-hand opening batsman and vice-captain to Hassett in England last season, is the likeliest choice. He has been "groomed" for the post for some years.

NOT SO SURE. Yet he must prove himself again as a batsman, for his performances here last season were not up to his old standard. Morris, with Alec Bedser bowling to him, was not as sure as he used to be.

Similar considerations apply to Ian Johnson, successor to Hassett as captain of Victoria. He has a sound cricket brain and a likable personality, but he was not chosen to come to England in 1953, and it was assumed that his Test career was over.

He is in his mid-thirties and has to regain his place as batsman and off-break bowler before he can be considered for the Test captaincy.

HEIGHT OF CAREER. Neil Harvey, now 25 and at the height of his career as a batsman and fielder is a possibility.

Young though he still is, he has figured in two campaigns in England and the intervening one in Australia. He is a quiet, reserved man, but does not lack strength of character. Keith Miller, once of Victoria, now of New South Wales, what of him, the world's greatest all-rounder? NOT HIGH. I do not rate his chances very high. He is a picturesque, ex-

South Wales-Victoria wrangle develops into a tangle as young Graeme Hole, of South Australia, though New South Wales in origin.

In cricket as in politics, such compromises are not unknown. Nor would Hole do the job at all badly.

(London Express Service)

FA SELECTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN SAYS:

England Will Never Quit The World Cup Tourney

By DESMOND HACKETT

Berne, Switzerland.

Mr Harold Shentall, Chairman of the Football Association Selection Committee, was a proud man as he stood in this beflagged ancient city, the capital of world football, taking a bow for England.

Stranger, whose language could not be understood but whose intentions were as plain as an alpine peak, were telling him how much they admired the sporting spirit of England.

They hinted with many a shrug and eloquent gesture that the many way in which England had fought the splendid manner in which they had accepted their defeat, should be a lesson to world football, still smouldering angrily after the Brazil-Hungary battle of Berne.

As Mr Shentall has so often spoken along these lines over the dinner tables of world football, he beamed with delight.

MR PICKWICK OF SOCCER

But this solid little man with a chubby figure and smooth round face, the complete Mr Pickwick of Soccer, found no pleasure at all in the suggestion that England should step out of the stormy international arena and let the other nations slug, hack, and strangle their way to the World Cup.

He stuttered in his indignation; he exclaimed in his "Gothic" North Country tongue: "Quite not, bleeding likely." And still a little red-faced with indignation, Mr Shentall planted his grey toby at a port angle and went on his sturdy way, feeling quite the English ambassador of sport he so dearly loves to be in this League of Nations of football.

Mr Shentall can afford to feel proud. We can all afford to be proud, because we have won worldwide respect not only for our show of sport but for our Soccer.

ENGLAND... WITH PRIDE

You can feel proud because in a poll I took among the representatives of 25 nations here I found England are more than ever rated the best-managed players in the world.

Listen to these sincere tributes: "Ferenc Puskas, captain of Hungary: 'Twice I have played against England; twice we won well but at no time did England stop fighting and at no time did they show bad temper. Always I remember with pride how the people of England cheered me and my team although we had broken their undefeated home record. It would be a joy always to play against such a team as your England.'"

Odolino Varella, captain of Uruguay: "I was not much surprised when, after we beat England, with perhaps many fortunes for us, the England players immediately embraced our men and wished us, as you say, 'good luck' with many smiles."

Let little Scotland, who fight among themselves, madder than they too wish no further part in the World Series.

But this game of football belongs to England and no one is going to push us out. Or maybe you think differently? —(London Express Service)

All Very Carefree And Of The Very Stuff That Cricket Is Made

Says ARCHIE QUICK

Twice a year the Earl Marshal of England, the Duke of Norfolk throws open his beautiful grounds at Arundel Castle for charity cricket matches. It attracts noteworthy patronage, brings in a mint of money for deserving causes, and the games are played in the most picturesque of settings.

The cosy ground is surrounded by venerable oaks and awaying cedars, with glimpses of the rolling South Downs peeping through them. The old-world town is en fete, and the teams that are gathered together are of county, even Test Match strength.

This year, for instance, Sussex fielded their full county eleven, and opposed to them were the Duke of Norfolk's team, captained by the Duke himself, in the full glory of an I. Zingari cap.

In his team there were F.G. Mann, the former England captain, S. C. Griffith, the wicketkeeping Assistant Secretary of the MCC, P.A. Gibb, of Essex, D.B. Carr and Cliff Gladwin, of Derbyshire, Jim Langridge, of Sussex, and Jim Sims, of Middlesex.

All of those have played in Test cricket for England. Old Sussex players like Ted Bowley and "Titch" Cornford rolled up to see the fun, and in just over five hours 450 gay runs were scored—Sussex winning by nine.

DISTINGUISHED ASSEMBLY

In addition to the Duchess of Norfolk, the distinguished assembly included Princess Alexandra, daughter of the Duchess of Kent, Lady Westmorland and Lady Moyra Hamilton, and the former ITMA and BBC star, Clarence Wright, was there to perform capably the duties of announcer. It was all very carefree and of the very stuff that cricket is made.

Ted Bowley, who recently lost his wife, tells me that he is to retire from the post of coach to Winchester College at the end of next summer and another Sussex cricketer, George Cox, will give up the game actively.

Bobet Still Ahead In Tour de France

Saint Brieux, France, July 12.

Ferdinand Kubler, the Swiss Champion, won a brilliant sprint victory in the Tour de France here today, thus scoring the first victory for Switzerland in the bike classic this year.

Kubler's time for the 224 kilometres between Caen and St Brieux was 6 hours, 4 minutes, 6 seconds.

Kubler, by his victory, climbed back closer to the leader, Louis Bobet.

Bobet remained overall leader in the race, keeping the yellow jersey.

OVERALL PLACINGS

The following are the overall placings:

- 1.—Bobet, France, 28:17:38.
- 2.—Wagtmans, Holland, 28:18:13.
- 3.—Kubler, Switzerland, 28:18:28.
- 4.—Bauvin, France, Noghest, 28:18:37.
- 5.—Scalder, Switzerland, 28:18:38.
- 6.—Wim Van Est, Holland, 28:19:25.
- 7.—Delade, France, 28:21:47.
- 8.—Kubler, Switzerland, 28:23:40.
- 9.—Gaul, Luxembourg, 33:24:38.
- 10.—Alomar, Spain, 28:24:52.—United Press.

S. Africa's Team Leave For Games

Johannesburg, July 12. Thirty-seven members of South Africa's Empire Games team left for London, on their way to Vancouver.—Reuter.

FANLING GOLF

W. D. Leighton won the weekend Bogey competition played over the Old Course at Fanling with a return of three down, G. H. P. Pritchard was runner-up with four down, with J. C. van der Touw, 95—24= net 71; W. D. Leighton, 80—7= net 73.

Players in these competitions are reminded that the maximum handicap allowance is 18 and that three-quarters of this is taken when playing against Bogey, seven-eighths being allowed in Stableford competitions.

The best medal scores returned during the weekend were:

A. Pelling, 91—24= net 67; G. H. P. Pritchard, 91—25= net 69; J. C. van der Touw, 95—24= net 71; W. D. Leighton, 80—7= net 73.

HANDICAP REVISIONS

The following revisions are included in a recent release:

R. G. Craig 7; D. B. Shaw 10; Austin Ho 11; K. H. Ho 12; E. M. Wilsley 12; J. Wai 12; E. C. Brown 15; L. R. Hope 16; A. M. Mack 17; J. Tada 18; C. E. J. Double 20; D. Black 20; G. S. Chambers 22; J. A. Basto 24; J. Jackson 24; M. L. da Rosa 24.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Australian Subscription
Ponies 1955

The new ponies are expected to arrive on or about 13th July. They will be quarantined in "C" Block for at least three weeks. Their arrival will mean considerable extra work for the Stables Staff and it has therefore been decided that "C" Block will be closed to Members until after the draw, the date of which will be notified in due course, when it may be reopened at the discretion of the Club's Veterinary Surgeon. Members are asked to co-operate in complying with these temporary arrangements.

By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 12th July, 1954.

The Grinning Murrays Race By

Perth, W.A., July 12.

Explosives and cattle were holding the spotlight today in the gruelling Redex Auto Endurance Test, Australia's version of the Monte Carlo Rally.

The secret of how Jack and Bill Murray have driven their Ford V-8 half way around Australia without losing a point was revealed today as gossamer.

Test drivers told how the Murrays found some drivers reluctant to give way in the early stages. The brothers began to drop the gossamer behind rival cars, so that the drivers, thinking they had a blow-out, would pull to, half while the grinning Murrays raced by.

The biggest hazard between Derby and Broome so far has been straying cattle. Driver Arthur Shepherd, in a Peugeot 203, scored a direct hit on a young bull which refused to move, but he drove on without damage to himself or the car. Other drivers reported near misses.—France-Press.

THE GAMBOLS



RETURNING (FROM U.S.)



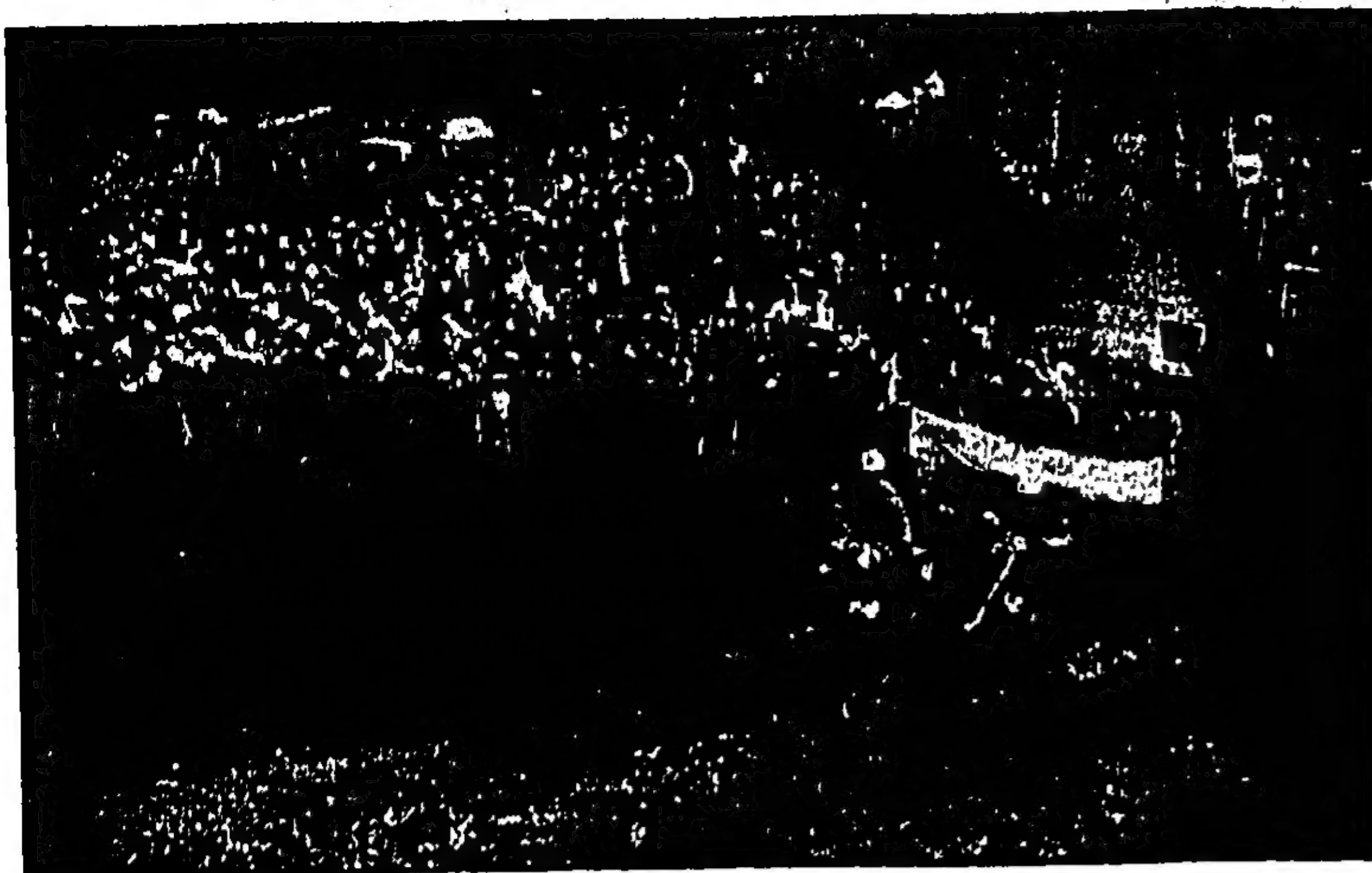
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QUICK, FROZEN TO KEEP THEM FRESH



INTERNATIONAL MOTO CROSS GRAND PRIX



The International Moto Cross Grand Prix of Great Britain was held at Hawkstone Park, near Shrewsbury Shropshire, on July 4.

Photo shows competitors climbing the steep hill in the four laps race for motor-cycles up to 1,000 c.c.'s.

BILLY STEEL QUITS FOOTBALL FOR GOOD

Billy Steel, Dundee's £23,000 footballer—he has played 35 times for Scotland—has decided to give up the game for good at the age of 31.

Next month he will sail with his 27-year-old wife Lillian, son Billy (5), and daughter Hilary (3) for New York. From there he will fly to Los Angeles to join friends for a holiday "which will last till I get tired of it."

Steel has said he has been in terms from my club. I am through with first-class football. Last week he said "I have written today to my club telling them of my decision. It is not just a whim or a bluff. I will never play Senior Football again."

SO ENDS A STALEMATE

So ends the stormy career of Scotland's most talked about footballer. So ends, too, a close season stalemate between Steel and Dundee.

When he was offered terms to re-sign at the end of April he told the club he could not accept. Conditions were that he should become a full-time player and do all his training in Dundee.

Said Steel "I have thought over my decision for months. I am not trying to force better

terms from my club. I am through with first-class football. Last week he said "I have written today to my club telling them of my decision. It is not just a whim or a bluff. I will never play Senior Football again."

"My wife is keen to go, too. We have been married seven years and never had a real holiday."

"Football even turned out to be a bore. We were married on a Tuesday, had two days at Aberystwyth and on Thursday I had to report to Derby County for a Saturday match."

"It has been like that ever since. Football has been good to me, but you can give just so much to a game."

SWISS WILL LOSE £16,500 ON THE EUROPEAN ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

BY A CORRESPONDENT

Berne, Switzerland.

Football Pools are doing sport a good turn here. They are guaranteeing half the loss the Swiss expect to show on the European Athletic Championships in August.

At the moment that loss is estimated at most at 200,000 Swiss francs (about £16,500). The Swiss Government will find the rest.

The loss is understandable. The general secretary of the organising committee, Dr. Georg Wyss, tells me the promotion will cost about 500,000 Swiss francs and receipts may not exceed 300,000 Swiss francs.

WILL HOLD 24,800

The temporary stands in steel and wood now adding to the capacity of the Wankdorf Stadium, are being moved now to the World Cup soccer is finished, to the Neufeld Stadium,

Good Marks By North Borneo Athletes

P. C. Gabuh cleared 47 feet 4½ inches in the Hop, Step and Jump in the Brunei AAA Championships at Kuala Belait on July 4. This is the best hop, step mark in Southeast Asia this season and is the 14th best performance in this event by a British Commonwealth athlete this year.

This is the first time that a North Borneo athlete has made the British Empire ranking list. Lidi Yusop, former North Borneo record-holder in the event, improved on his personal best at the same meeting with 45 feet 11 inches and the standard generally was high.

Gabuh also won the Long Jump at 21 feet 9½ inches and the 100 Yards in 10.4 seconds. A. Sibidol of Brunei won the High Jump at 5 feet 10 inches and the Shot Put at 40 feet. Y. C. Mathews of Brunei won the 440 Yards in 52.6 seconds.

The course is entirely along tarmac roads, which for the first time ever were closed to traffic for this event. For the spectators it is a delightful route, but runners will scarcely be able to appreciate the scenery—only the shade when the road runs through a forest.

FINISHED STRONGLY

The event was also a test of the organisation for the Games. Although the start was at 7.30 a.m. more than 50 police were on duty.

The winner was Jules Zehnder, 27-year-old bank clerk from Lucerne, who finished strongly in 2 hours 44 min. 47.2 sec. He impressed me. He was full of spring at the end of the race, and said he thought he could have gone faster but was glad he did not have to.

The surprise of the Marathon was the failure of Hans Frischknecht, reigning Swiss Champion. He lost ground after being taken ill and retired at 18 miles.

The race also decided Switzerland's representatives for the European Games Marathon, so the second man, Hans Studer, of Schaffhausen, qualified with the winner, Zehnder, who says: "I will go at my own pace. Peters would kill me. For me the favourite is Karvonen, the Finn."

(—London Express Service)

What about the £23,000 Dundee paid to Derby County in 1950 for Steel? Said Billy: "Don't think I have forgotten that sum. How can I? I've played every season since with that £23,000 tag on my jersey."

"But I take comfort from the fact that Dundee's managing director, Mr. George Anderson, has assured me many times that the club has had its money's worth."

(—London Express Service)

No Room At The Rinks

By DENNIS ROBERTS

Yvonne Sugden, 14-year-old British Champion, will have to compete in the European and World Ice-Skating Championships next winter without the rinkside encouragement of her father.

This is because our National Skating Association have failed in their bid to stage the World Championships here, and have been unable to take up an offer to hold the European Championships.

Yvonne's father, a chartered accountant, will be busy at the time of the Championships and will not be able to travel abroad.

VIENNA LIKELY

No definite decision has been made on the venue of these events, but the World Championships are likely to be held in Vienna in February.

The boom in mammoth ice shows is responsible for the failure to get the events staged in England.

Rinks with spectator-room such as Earl's Court and Wembley, are booked for ice shows. They are unlikely to be free until March and the Association's application to hold the World Championships in that month has been refused.

"The International Skating Union offered us the European Championships instead," says Mr. Eric Coggins, NSA secretary. "We made every effort, but could not find a suitable rink."

(—London Express Service)

DODGERS MOVE TO ACQUIRE BATTING PUNCH

New York, July 12.

Baseball's Brooklyn Dodgers moved today to add batting punch for their drive to overhaul the Giants by recalling outfielder Sandy Amoros from their Montreal Farm Club of the International League, where he is currently hitting .301.

To make room for the left-handed hitting Cuban, the Dodgers released right-handed outfielder Dick Williams outright to St. Paul's of the American Association.

They also took the first step in sending first baseman Charley Kress to the Minor Leagues by referring his case to the Commissioner's Office.

(—United Press)

Actresses Must Earn Their Stardom, Says The French Audrey Hepburn

By JACK SCHEMEIL

Paris. Dany Robin, the "French Audrey Hepburn," believes that Hollywood's major fault is in pushing young actresses such as Marilyn Monroe and Piper Laurie into starring roles before they have proved their ability.

"Overnight sensations can die on the vine almost as quickly," the fair-haired beauty said. "Here in France, we give a girl years of training, so that when she becomes a star, she has earned it."

Dany intimated that a star like Miss Monroe might be a has-been long before she herself would step down from her current ranking as France's most popular actress—and the highest-paid.

"I have earned my stardom," she said. "I spent many years

of drama study, and worked on the stage before I got my first film role. As long as an actress knows her job, she has little to fear in the way of declining popularity."

The slender, slow-speaking actress first won attention in America with her co-starring appearance with Kirk Douglas in "Act of Love," which resulted in her getting several Hollywood offers.

FAMILY GIRL

"But I would not want to stay in Hollywood," she said. "Everything there is done in such a hurry, and an actress isn't allowed to think for herself. I wouldn't mind going there for one picture, if the part were good, and I knew everything would be done the way it was arranged beforehand."

"Of course, they have a habit of pushing girls too quickly to stardom in Italy, too, so Hollywood isn't the only culprit."

Dany has all the charm and intensity of Audrey Hepburn, and is prettier. Right now, she is the sensation of the French cinema, and her name on a theatre marquee is insurance of a picture's success.

She lives with her husband, Georges Marchal, a movie actor, on a large estate about an hour's drive southwest of Paris. Her parents and a sister, and Marchal's parents, too, have houses on the estate. They are a home-loving couple, and care little for Paris night life.

"So many Americans, I know, always think of French girls as being all ooh la la and every Frenchman a believer in the wine, women and song motto," complained Dany. "That's not true. We are family people, and there are only a few who are not."

"It would seem that too many tourists have been reading too many travel folders about Paris and French girls."

The teaming of Fernandel, France's premier comedian, and All Baba is a combination hard to beat, especially when they're paired in a movie for which the order is "spare no expense."

Fernandel and the Egyptian belly dancer, Gamal, have recently returned from an expedition into French Morocco, where they filmed exterior scenes for the lavish "All Baba and the Forty Thieves." The interior scenes are being filmed here.

"There has never been an All Baba comparable to the fellow I am bringing to the screen," said Fernandel, screwing his face into a comic expression. "This fellow is a prince among thieves—and what a clown!"

The film's chief interest, apart from Fernandel and Samia, lies in the fact that never before in a picture made in North Africa have so many people been rounded up to appear as extras and in bit parts.

Some 4,000 fierce, Berber horsemen were enlisted by the director, Jacques Becker, to play in the mass scenes. Many more citizens of the town of Targuic, a place of 13,000 located east of the Atlantic port of Agadir, joined in the fun.

MORE INTERESTING

It is estimated that "All Baba and the Forty Thieves" will cost more than \$1,500,000, which is quite an outlay even by Hollywood standards. Certainly, Fernandel pictures are always an occasion in France, but this is the most ambitious yet attempted.

Samia Gamal joined the cast of this film after having appeared in "Valley of the Kings," an MGM picture filmed in Egypt, and starring Robert Taylor and Eleanor Parker.

"Samia is getting to be quite a world traveller," Fernandel noted.

"She does a belly dance in the Egyptian picture, and she does a belly dance in my picture. But the belly dance in my picture will be a good deal more interesting!"

While a belly dancer doesn't figure in the original All Baba tale, as translated from ancient Arabic by Frenchman Antoine Galland in 1704, followers of the Arabian Nights adventures will at least recognise the one and only cave with the legendary door that opens to the command, "Open Sesame!"

(—United Press)

Pakistan Save The Follow-on

Manchester, July 12. Pakistan's touring cricket team, after losing six wickets for 85, easily saved the follow-on against Lancashire, thanks to a fighting innings of 87 by Imtiaz Ahmed and dogged resistance by their tailenders today.

The tourists recovered so well that their innings ended only 105 runs behind the County. They totalled 219 in reply to 324 by Lancashire, who lost their second innings wickets for 42 runs before the close. The match ends on Tuesday.

Imtiaz batted confidently for three and a quarter hours on the easy-paced Old Trafford pitch, and he and Shakoor Ahmed (31) checked the collapse with a stand of 88 in 90 minutes. Once the danger of the follow-on was averted, Imtiaz treated the crowd to some excellent cutting.

Brian Statham, Lancashire's Test pace bowler, fully deserved his figures of five wickets for 52 runs.

EARLIER PLAY

Lancashire lost two second innings wickets for 42 before the close, when they stood 147 runs ahead.

Pakistan began their reply to Lancashire's first innings total of 324 this morning in fine weather and on a good wicket. In fact, it was one of the fastest pitches the touring side has so far encountered, and hostile bowling by Statham and Colin Smith, an amateur from Cambridge University, with the new ball compelled the opening pair to open cautiously. Only one run came from the bat in 15 minutes.

Almuddin hit a four and Hanif followed with two boundaries off Statham, but they were snickered rather than intended hits.

At 14, Smith gave way to Wharton and with the score doubled, the new bowler had Almuddin 1-6 before.

Waqar Hassan began with a stylish drive, but the bowling still demanded care. Waqar, however, found the boundary off both Smith and Berry, who had taken over the attack to send up the 50 in 70 minutes. Then, for the addition of five runs, two wickets fell. Smith, bowling better from the opposite end to which he started, had Hanif caught behind the wicket and his bowler Magsood made stump before that batsman had scored.

RUNS IGNORED

Runs were ignored for a time while Imtiaz played himself in, but when Statham came back for Smith who, in six overs (two maidens) had taken two for 13 for his second spell, the batsman hooked a bouncer aggressively for four.

Pakistan resumed badly after lunch, losing their captain, Kardar, to Statham's second delivery for half the side to be out for 79. Only six runs were added when Statham again struck, by clean bowling Khalid Wazir.

Then followed the biggest stand, so far, of the innings with Imtiaz Ahmed getting support from Shakoor Ahmed.

The former scored while Shakoor defended grimly, and Imtiaz marked the return of Smith for Statham by square cutting a no-ball—the eighth by Smith—for four.

Imtiaz then played a spell of five overs (one maiden) in which he took two for nine, went off, the batsmen became more confident and the hundred went up in two and three-quarter hours.

THE SCOREBOARD

Lancashire, 1st Innings	
Imtiaz Ahmed, c. Parr, b. Smith	22
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Waqar Hassan, b. Greenough	15
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How Much Colder Can Wimbledon Become?

By BOB PENNINGTON

Is the Wimbledon crowd really partisan? Certainly it is. But as one of the thousands who have watched tennis for the Wimbledon fortnight this year, I know the crowd's reactions to be in line with the British love of seeing the underdog triumph rather than a departure from the British spirit of fair play.

The tennis fans are in rebellion against the soulless system of world tennis . . . the machine that turns likeable Australian teenagers like Ken Rosewall and Lew Hoad into tennis automatons, living a monastic life of globe-trotting.

And that was why the cheers were for an exiled Czech, Jaroslav Drobný, when he conquered these poker-faced Empire prodigies.

"Old Drobný" is so fallible—and so very human. That and smile to the heavens when he occasionally misses an easy smash is more appealing than the deadpan determination of Hoad, or the tight-lipped tension of Rosewall.

Was it unporting of us not to give Mighty "Mo" Connolly an ovation after her third successive triumph at Wimbledon? No—it was just impossible. Such cheers come from the heart. The supremely poised, inhumanly efficient, Miss Connolly has never tugged at our heartstrings since she broke down and cried after winning at Wimbledon for the first time, way back in 1952.

Few mothers would like to

turn their daughters into a "Mo" if they knew of the hours of practice, the tension and the restrictions such a standard demands from a normal, healthy young woman.

Few fathers would want their sons to sacrifice the fun of life for the fame of a Hoad or a Rosewall if they appreciated the discipline that has to be endured under a boss like Australian team manager Harry Hopman.

AND HUMAN

In England, our young hope Bobby Wilson puts his studies as a chemist before big-time tennis.

Welsh starlet Mike Davies had to hitch-hike his way to Australia to get tennis experience.

But when they win—and they win—ah, the joy of it. The unbridled joy of a crowd that is partisan—and proud of it.

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Filipino Appeals To U.S. For Anti-Red Lead

San Francisco, July 12. Mr. Carlos Garcia, Vice-President of the Philippines Republic, today asked for United States leadership to establish collective defence against Communism in South-east Asia.
Returning from the Geneva conference Mr. Garcia made in a speech here that Asia's "decisive hour" was approaching.
He predicted that what he called Communist imperialism in Asia would not halt in India-China. He said Thailand and Malaya were in immediate danger with the Communists continuing to gain until all the Western Powers' Pacific defences were imperilled.—Reuter.

Paris, July 12. Prince Bui Loe of former Vietnamese premier, arrived in Paris by air today from Saigon. He was met at the airport by a group of French and Vietnamese officials, including M. Guy Le Chambrier, French minister for the Associated States of Indo-China, and Nguyen Trung Vinh, head of the Vietnamese delegation to the Vietnam-France negotiations here.
Prince Bui Loe has returned to the French capital to resume his position as Vietnam High Commissioner in France.—France-Press.

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Red Paper Charges Indian Govt.

Calcutta, July 12. A Communist newspaper charged today that a recent United States Himalayan expedition was more interested in bacteriological research than in climbing Mt. Makalu.
The newspaper Swadhinata said that the Californians were really studying the disease-carrying "wild spider" which can survive in sub-zero temperatures.
It criticised the Indian Government for helping the U.S. climbers with weather bulletins and for allowing their passage through India.—United Press.

Communist Gains Seat

Colombo, July 12. A Communist candidate has been elected Chairman of the Panadura Urban Council. It was announced today, climaxing a series of Communist successes in Council elections in the Western Province.
Lenin Fernando, a law student, was the successful candidate.
Previously, Communists had been elected to Council chairmanships in the Colombo suburb of Dennewela and Mount Lavinia, in Moratuwa, and in Kalutara.

Municipal Council elections will be held for Colombo itself next Saturday. The United National Party and the United Front of leftist parties, including Communists, are contending for seats.

The United National Party, as the ruling party of the Government majority, is outspokenly anti-Communist.—United Press.

Fashion Becomes A God Of Japanese Women

Tokyo, July 12.

Fashion has become a god of Japanese women since the war, with Christian Dior and Jacques Fath as the high priests of this relatively new cult for Japan.

The Allied Occupation brought with it jazz, Coco-Cola, government reforms, including the enfranchisement of women and fashion, Western style.

Women dependants came from the United States and Europe. During their stay in Japan, they followed the latest fashion trends. Many Japanese women observed, admired, and copied.

Now, what is fashionable in New York and Paris, is fashionable in Tokyo and Osaka, among the younger generation, turning away from the traditional kimono.

With the growth of fashion, dress designing and modelling have become lucrative professions.

Mannequin schools and dress-making schools, where girls are taught the rudiments of designing, now have thousands of students.

Some of the schools are genuine establishments with trained staffs and proper equipment. Many are staffed by amateurs, have little equipment, and are operated by racketeers interested only in collecting high fees.

LOOK TO CINEMA

Until a year ago, Japanese girls who dreamed of fame and fortune looked to the cinema or theatre as a means of obtaining both. But since Miss Kinuko Ito, a fashion model, won third prize as Miss Japan at the Miss Universe contest at Long Beach, California, last year, modelling has taken its place with the cinema and theatre as a "desirable" profession.

Actors and actresses extolling the virtues of face cream, soft drinks, motorcycles or cigarettes in newspapers and magazines, have been joined by Miss Ito and other members of her profession.

Thousands of girls earning on an average 8,000 yen (about £8) a month are willing to pay 2,000 yen (about £2) a month "school fees" in an attempt to get into "the act."

FEW SUCCEEDED

Few succeeded. One of the leading fashion organisations in Japan is the Tokyo Fashion Models Club, which once employed Miss Ito. When a girl applies for membership, the club sends the following letter:

"The Tokyo Fashion Models Club does not need models at the moment. When the occasion arises, we shall send for you to appear for a test."

"Qualifications necessary are: A good education, some talent in ballet, sports, and music. You must also be able to speak standard Japanese, have common sense, be pretty and charming, know the art of facial make-up, be able to dress in good taste, be able to walk gracefully in high heeled shoes, have some theatrical knowledge and be not younger than 18 nor older than 30."

THE FUTURE

"You must conform to the following bodily measurements: height, over 160 centimetres (about 4 ft. 6 ins.); neck, to waist, 37 centimetres (14½ inches); waist, not more than 57

centimetres (22½ inches); hips, 90 centimetres (35½ inches). The head of the club, Mr. Shiro Kimura, speaking of the future of modelling as a profession in Japan, said that there will always be a demand for talented models.

Girls earn from 20,000 yen (about £20) to 100,000 yen (about £100) a month. Their pay depends on how well known they are to the general public and upon how frequently designers ask for them for their shows.

Fashion shows are now a recognised part of Japanese city life. Department stores, private groups and fashion clubs hold shows frequently and as admission is generally free, they have difficulty in finding room for their audiences.

SPONSORS

Most shows are sponsored by department stores to show off new overseas styles. An executive of one such store said that audiences were divided between women interested in the clothes being shown, and curious school boys and middle-aged men.

Japanese fashion shows usually last from two to three hours. Some last six hours, however, during which more than 300 "creations" are presented. However, few of the clothes shown are original "creations." The majority are copies of clothes designed in London, Paris or New York.

Most of the models shown at fashion displays in Japan come from members of the Japan Designers' Club. The "designers" are usually dressmakers who find most of their "creations" in design and fashion books coming from the United States or Europe.—Reuter.

Japanese Economy Retreating

Tokyo, July 12.

An "Economic White Paper," released by the Japanese Government's Economic Council Board today said Japanese economy was making a temporary retreat "in order to prepare ground for fresh balanced expansion."

The 160,000-word document said Japan's industrial production and national income last year increased at a rate surpassing that of any other country in the world owing mainly to excessive capital investment and fiscal expenditures.

This caused domestic consumption and imports to increase sharply, resulting in marked deterioration in Japan's balance of international payments.

Japan's foreign exchange balance thus declined to \$780 million at the end of May, this year from its historic peak of nearly \$1,200 million.

STOP SKATING

But Japan must now "stop skating on thin ice," the White Paper said.

"Now is the time to make a step backward and consolidate our economic position" in order that "we might embark upon a new long-range course of export promotion, and increased self-sufficiency."

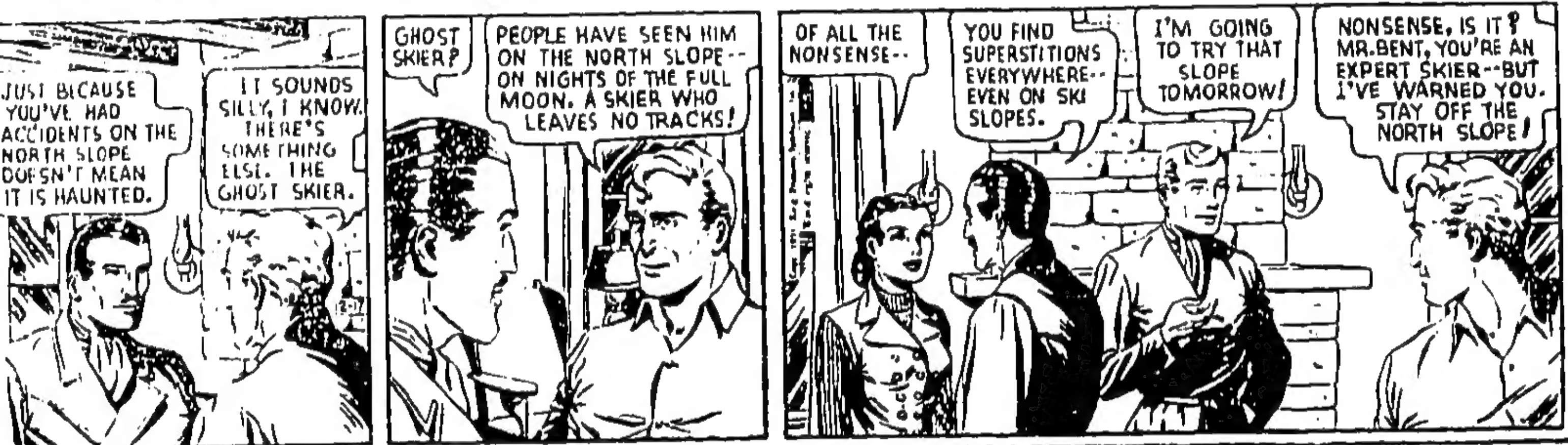
"The basic task will be to rectify our cost-price system which has departed widely from international level." The essential prerequisite for "increase in our competitive power on world markets" would be the nationalization of basic industries and improved productivity.

"Western nations had already improved their balance of international payments successfully in the face of the recession which followed the Korean boom."

"Japan is three years behind them and the path ahead is not as easy as it seems," the White Paper concluded.—Reuter.

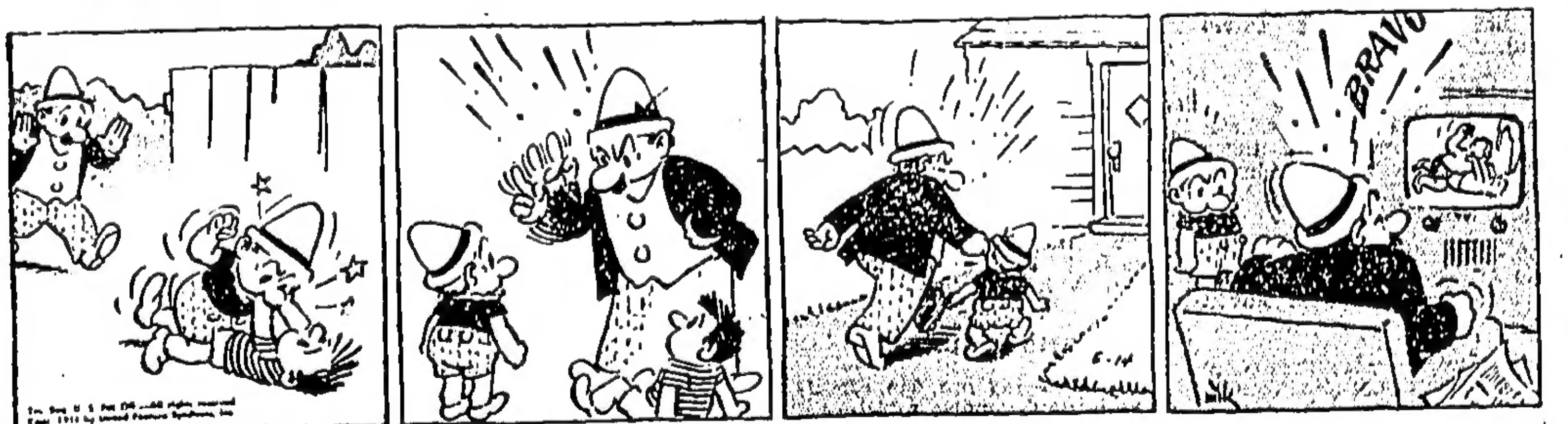
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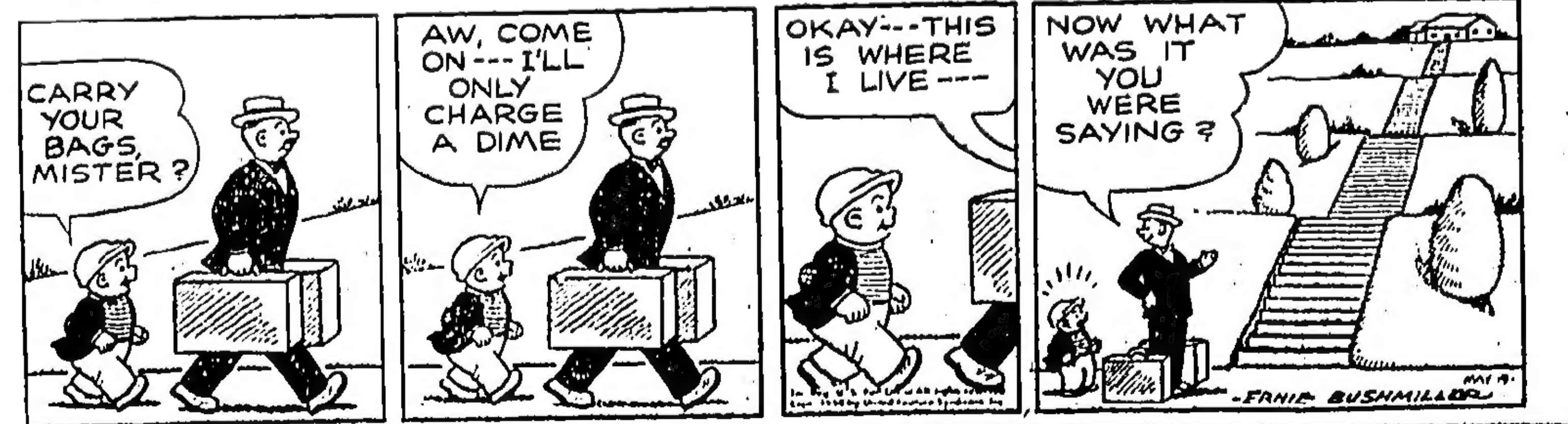
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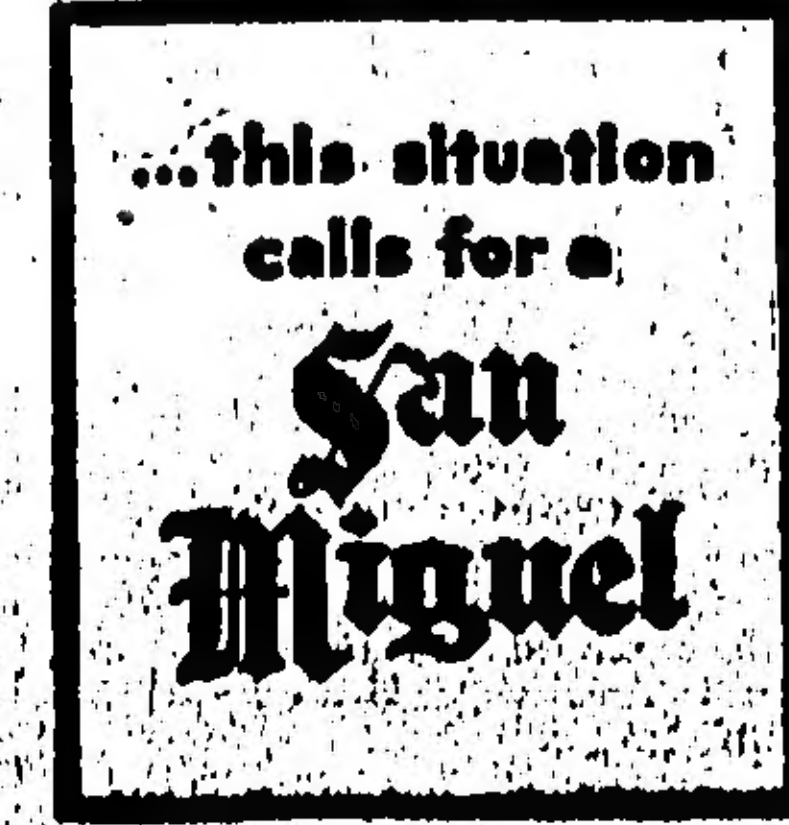
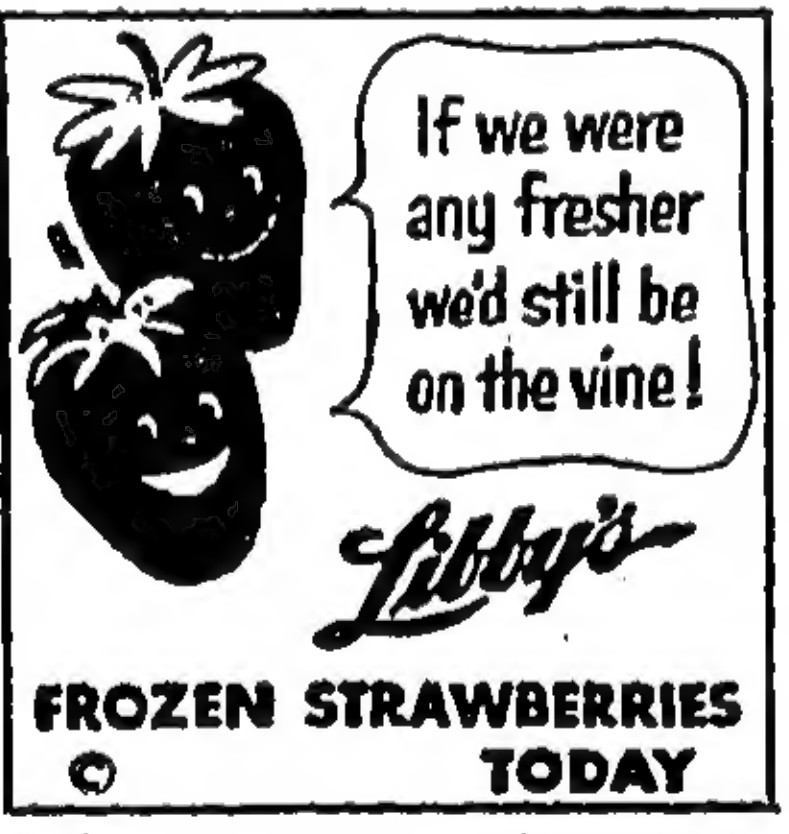
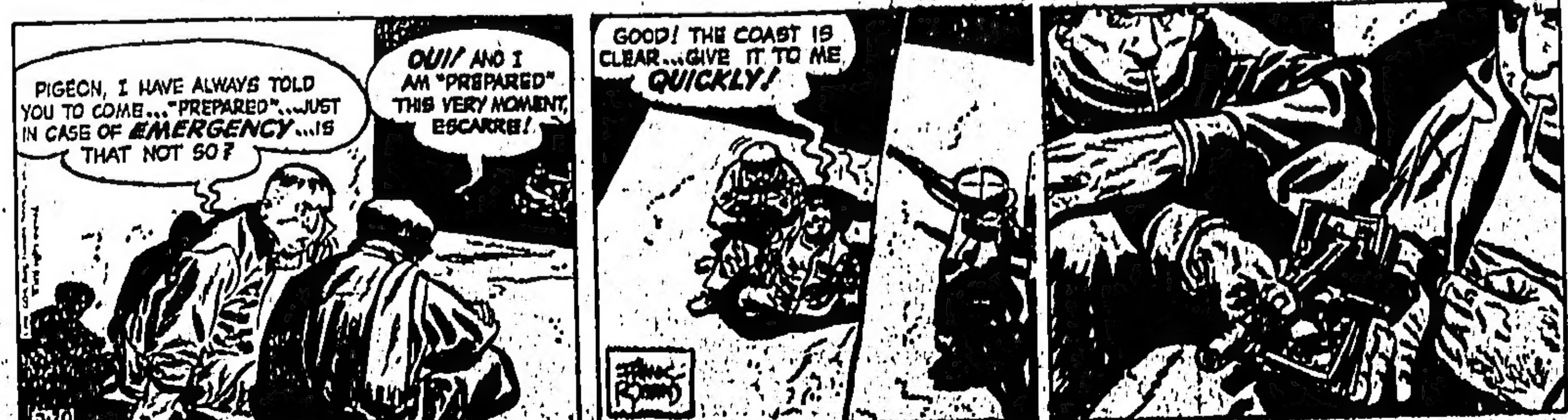
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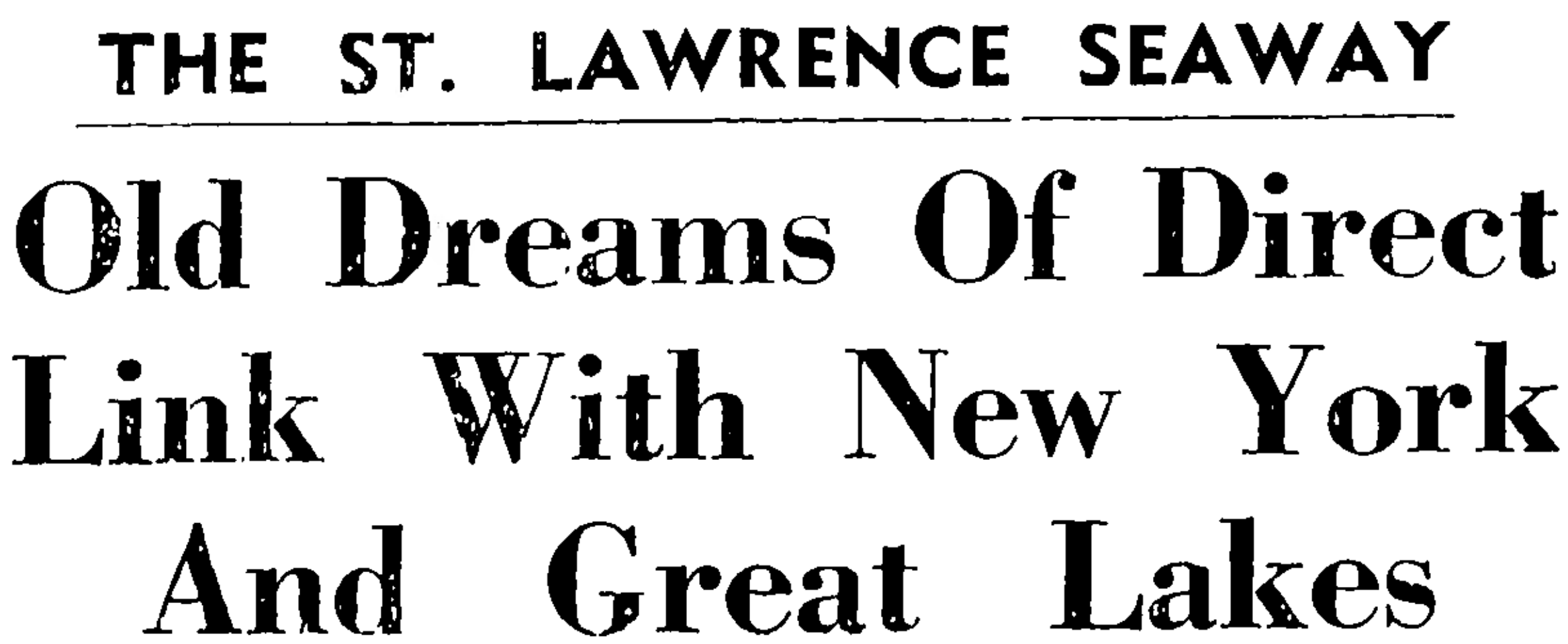
By Ernie Bushmiller



JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins





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Uruguay	2.04 1/2

The free rate in New York of the Japanese yen per US dollar, as quoted today by Plck's World Currency Report: 48.—United Press.

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—China Mail Special.

Brussels	100.20-100.21
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Paris	10.30-10.31

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Henry's Full Life

HENRY is 80 years old, a flamboyant, splendid figure of a man, with a powerful frame and a fine, wild beard, and eyes that are full of devilment still. He has led a full life, and has not been down against him, starting with one in 1903. But his crimes have been mostly of the minor kind. He has never been in prison, and has never been part of his life.

Henry was born in London's East End, and when he was still a boy he went to sea. In sailing ships he acquired the ruggedness that stands him in good stead still, and which helped him when, long ago, he decided to settle in America.

He might have done great things there, but the war of 1914 came along. Henry promptly crossed the border and joined the Canadian Army. When that war was over, Henry went back across the Atlantic, but to Canada, not the United States, and there he stayed, living a rough life, always in and out of trouble, until he felt old age coming upon him. He came home then, and resumed his life with the authorities in England.

The other day Henry was hobnobbing through the West End - for he has been partly paralysed for some time - when he saw a sight that made him feel young again. A group of young soldiers on whose shoulder flashes was the one word "Canada."

Full Court Allows Appeals Against Death Sentences

Appeals against conviction and sentence by Au Keng, alias Sai-lo Tim, 18, and Wong Wai-hung, alias Fa-lau Hung, 28, who were found guilty under the Emergency Regulations, 1949, and sentenced to death by Mr Justice J. R. Gregg on April 8, were allowed by the Full Court, comprising Mr Justice T. J. Gould (Acting Chief Justice) and Mr Justice C. W. Reece (Puisne Judge) this morning.

The conviction and sentence were accordingly quashed.

The appellants who were charged respectively with using arms against persons without lawful authority and aiding and abetting the use of such arms were formally discharged but were remanded to stand trial on other indictments.

They were arrested by the Police following a report of a shooting incident on board a fishing junk south of Aberdeen on January 5 when the junkmaster, Chau For-tai, was shot in the thigh.

Suburbs Of Vienna Evacuated

— As Flood Waters
Rise Higher

Vienna, July 12.

Vienna, tense with anxiety over the northern flooding of the River Danube, felt its first serious effects of the rising river today when evacuation measures were applied in three of the Austrian capital's suburbs.

The flood level is rising in the port of Vienna itself where riverside installations are menaced. A state of emergency has been declared in the Floridsdorf housing estate where the police are busy clearing stacks of foodstuffs as well as machinery.

All the fire brigade units in the city have been alerted to-night while a wall of water is reported to be advancing on Vienna. It is expected to hit the city late tonight or at dawn.

RAT THREAT

From Munich come reports that the threat of hunger-crazed rats and disaster-borne diseases has followed the ebbing flood waters in hundreds of towns in five Central European nations.

Weather forecasters predicted that the worst was over. The floods claimed at least 36 lives in Germany and Austria alone and drove thousands from their homes.

Armies of disaster workers re-established some water, gas and electricity lines. Flood victims fought the new enemies of disease, looting and hunger-crazed rats.

Most of the rivers which had rampaged for five days - the Danube, Elbe, Rhine and Isar - were reported tonight to be calming or, at worst, rising slightly in their lower reaches as the flood waters poured downstream.

No Passport For Paul Robeson

Washington, July 12. A spokesman of the State Department said today it had no intention of issuing a new passport to the negro singer, Paul Robeson, whose passport was cancelled four years ago because of his pro-Communist speeches and activities.

He added that Robeson had for long had "three or four" applications for a passport on file.

The spokesman was commenting on an announcement in New York on Saturday that Robeson had applied for permission to leave the country for six months of engagements in Israel, England and "other European countries." - Reuter.

Other Geneva News

Geneva, July 12. Britain and Russia tonight agreed to maintain secrecy in the crucial phase of the Indo-China peace talks by "avoiding for the next few days" formal sessions of the nine-nation conference, a British spokesman said.

Mr Anthony Eden and Mr Molotov, British and Soviet Foreign Ministers, who share the conference chairmanship, agreed that negotiations should be conducted through private meetings between delegation heads and senior advisers.

The Vietnamese Foreign Minister, M. Tran Van L., is to visit the chief of the Working Group, M. Pham Van Dong, tomorrow morning, according to Vietnam sources this evening.

The visit will be the first occasion that a Minister of the Vietnamese Government has talked with a representative of the Vietnamese source added.

M. Mendes-France, conferred for over two hours today with M. Pham Van Dong, the Vietnamese delegate to the Indo-China talks.

Secrecy surrounded this official door meeting which was officiated as a "working session." The two statements were understood to have discussed every angle of the Indo-China problem.

M. Pierre Mendes-France, following a luncheon with Mr Eden, received the Vietnamese Foreign Minister, M. Tran Van Do yesterday afternoon.

His next destination will be with Mr Alexis Johnson, chief of the American delegation, in Reuter, France - Preiss and United Press.

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"You can't lose tonight, Dr. Brown - George said we'd apply anything we won on your bill!"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SIR BEVERLEY AND 'PUNCH'

Sir - No one knowing the political affiliations of Sir Beverley Baxter would have been astonished to read of his attack on Mr Malcolm Muggeridge, Editor of Punch. But anyone knowing Sir Beverley's generally fair and accurate commentaries on topical events must have been shocked at the plague he displayed in his article published in yesterday's China Mail. It was not Baxter the commentator writing, but Baxter M.P. chanting the inflexible party line in defence of his political lords and masters - suggestions of sycophancy are obvious, but to lay such a charge in the present case involves arguing the difference between devout but reasoned esteem based on personal judgement and blind unswerving hero-worship, completely un-rationalised, in politics one can never prove that such a difference does exist.

In the Punch cartoons to which Sir Beverley Baxter takes so much violent exception, Mr Muggeridge has only allowed his artist the licence of his point of view. Eden goes to Geneva and the cartoonist asks what difference is there between his mission and Chamberlain's abortive trip to Munich? Is Sir Beverley so convinced, despite Mr Eden's earnest desires for peace, that Geneva will produce the "Peace in our time" that Chamberlain failed to get? And what does happen if Geneva fails? A Southeast Asian defence pact of which, presumably Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos eventually become members. Not just United States intervention then, (if there is anything left at all), not just an isolated police action as in Korea but very possibly total war. Certainly with our purblind optimism and faith in our leader writers we believe Geneva will produce peace, or at least a temporary settlement, or at worst, a breathing space until the next international conference can be arranged. And are we (who think this) any different from those who, before the last war, believed that Chamberlain could produce the rabbit of peace out of the magician's hat? Couldn't Baxter the commentator at least have granted Muggeridge the point of view that he was showing us that Geneva might not, just as Munich did not?

And how, by any standard of fair commentary, can Baxter produce a statement by Sir Herbert Boothby (Conservative M.P.) to justify the fact that Eden is doing a good job at Geneva. Certainly let us be told, but not by a Boothby or a Baxter - please, somebody who does strive to view the scene impartially. What a sensation Boothby would have produced had he described Geneva as another Munich!

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FIVE NEW LIBEL CHARGES AGAINST BAILEY

Five additional charges of libel were preferred against Albert Francis Bailey, 33, of 340 King's Road, second floor, at Central Court this morning.

Upon the application of Detective-Inspector Ronald A. Dudman of the Commercial Crime Office, who represented the Crown, bail was increased from \$1,000 to \$6,000 by Mr Lawrence Leong, the Magistrate. The defendant had already surrendered his passport.

Bailey told the Court that he would not be able to raise the increased bail for the moment. He was told that he could, if he wished, try to arrange it while in custody.

The following points were raised by the defendant when he objected to the increased bail this morning: Firstly, he could not meet the bail. Secondly, he would not be able to prepare properly for his defence if he were kept in custody. Thirdly, his passport was already surrendered to July 20.

Committal proceedings have been fixed for August 4, 5, and 6, before Mr Lawrence Leong. The defendant was remanded to July 20.

SIMILAR CHARGES

All five additional charges read and explained to Bailey this morning were similar to the original libel charges preferred against him before Mr Lawrence Leong on July 6.

The new charges, in substance, allege that Bailey maliciously published defamatory

Essay Contest Winner In Hongkong

Miss Karen Jorgensen, of Oakland, California, who recently won a grand prize in a United States national high school essay contest, was among the passengers who arrived here this morning in the SS President Cleveland on a round-trip cruise to the Orient, the prize she won.

Miss Jorgensen, who will be 18 next month and is a graduate of the Holy Names Central High School in Oakland, won the contest in a field of more than 10,000 entries from all high schools in the United States.

Her essay entitled, "American Merchant Marine - Life Line of Industry," of about 1,000 words, dealt with American shipping and was sponsored by the American Propeller Club.

Miss Jorgensen, daughter of an American machine-tool maker, said she is entering the College of Holy Names this autumn to study nursing. She has a sister and two brothers at home.

Evacuation Plans For Suez

Cairo, July 12. British military circles said today that at least half of the British garrison in the Suez Canal Zone would be returned to the United Kingdom by the end of the year if an Anglo-Egyptian agreement were signed this month.

They said an important factor in the formulation of the new British proposals for a Suez settlement was the insistence of the Defence Minister, Lord Alexander, on the urgent need to build up a satisfactory strategic reserve in the United Kingdom.

They added that once the new agreement was signed, immediate efforts would be made to reduce the Suez garrison to its strength before Egypt's abrogation of the 1936 treaty in October 1951.

At that time Britain rushed some 50,000 troops to ensure the safety of British lives and property. British military circles said that 40,000 of a total of 80,000 troops at present in the Canal Zone would have left by the end of this year if the agreement is reached now. - United Press.

More People Arrive From North China

Two ships, the Danish steamer Heinrich Jessen, and the Butterfield and Swire vessel, Pakhol, arrived here this morning from Tientsin and Shanghai with 20 and six passengers, respectively.

Among the passengers was an Italian nun, Sister Louisa Gamba, of the Shanghai Precious Blood Hospital where she has been nursing for the past seven years. She said she was told to leave China.

Another was Mr Pandella Pandellakis, 71-year-old Greek merchant, who has been in China for 31 years. He was the owner of a cigarette factory in Shanghai once but latterly was in the stock exchange business. Mr Pandellakis, who is a bachelor, is returning to Greece.

Dr Ugo Cappuzzo, an Italian medical practitioner who was expelled by the Communists after having been imprisoned three years in Peking, arrived from Tientsin on the Heinrich Jessen.

Dr Cappuzzo, whose home is in Padova, went to Peking 20 years ago where he practised medicine. He obtained his degree of doctor of medicine in a university in Padova.

Dr Cappuzzo said he had been hand-and-foot-cuffed with heavy chains for two months. Scars resulted from the chaining were evident on his wrists and legs. However, Dr Cappuzzo declined to reveal what he was charged with.

Dr Cappuzzo said that he was taken directly from prison in Peking to Tientsin where he was also kept in custody prior to embarking on the Heinrich Jessen.

All his property in Peking had been confiscated by the authorities and he was given HK\$10 only before he left, Dr Cappuzzo said.

After a short rest here, Dr Cappuzzo will leave for his home town in the Italian liner Victoria to rejoin his family who had preceded him to Italy seven years ago.

Another arrival on the Heinrich Jessen was an Italian architect, Mr Paolo Bonetti, who had been in China for the past 36 years. He was also expelled by the Communists.

There were no British people on board either of the ships.

US Student Group Passes Through HK

A group of American tourists, on a conducted tour of the Orient under Dr Lyle Gibson, Professor of Geography at the San Francisco State College, arrived in Hongkong today in the SS President Cleveland for a one-day visit.

The tour is known as the "Adventure Study Cruise."

Members of the group comprised Dr and Mrs Gibson and 16 others.

One third of the members are college students and one third are teachers, who are working for college credits, and the rest are students of the local office.

They will continue their homeward voyage via Japan tomorrow.

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By Surface	
Macao, 6 p.m.	By Air
Thailand, 9 a.m.	Formosa, Japan, Korea, Okinawa, U.S.A. and Canada, 2 p.m.
Indo-China, France, 2 p.m.	Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, 6 p.m.
Formosa, Japan, Korea, Okinawa, U.S.A. and Canada, 8 a.m.	Japan, Korea, 6 p.m.
India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 9 a.m.	By Surface
China, Pacific Republic, 530 a.m.	By Air
North Borneo, 9 a.m.	Japan, Korea, 1 p.m.
Philippines, Ceylon, Middle East, Great Britain & Europe, 11 a.m.	U.S.A., C. & S. America, 1 p.m.
Malaya, Burma, 1 p.m.	Macao, 2 p.m.
THURSDAY, JULY 15	
By Air	
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Philippines, Ceylon, 11 a.m.	U.S.A. & Canada, 2 p.m.
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